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130 PLANTS WERE FOUND

Three-year jail sentence for the 'cannabis farmer' (55)

MORE than 130 cannabis plants were found when police searched a house in Cefn Cribwr, Cardiff Crown Court heard – *AJ SICLUNA reports*.

"Nearly every room was being used and one set of plants which was maturing, would have produced cannabis with a street value of up to £8,250," said prosecutor Jason Howells.

John Stott, 55, a man with no previous convictions, of Craig Row, was jailed for three years, two months, after pleading guilty to producing cannabis and abstracting electricity.

Judge Stephen Hopkins QC described Stott as a "cannabis farmer". He said he was satisfied that Stott was growing the drug on a commercial level.

Mr Howells said the police raided the house on July 16 and found a substantial factory with 131 plants being grown at various sites, including the room Stott slept in.

Electric lights were being used to provide heat. There was a ventilation system, and automatic irrigation.

Because the electricity meter had been bypassed, there was a loss of £670.

The street value of one set of plants was £8,250, added Mr Howells.

Stott's counsel, John Ryan, stressed that he was a man of clean character, who had pleaded guilty, though disputing that the crop was being sold on.

He added that he originally grew cannabis to help cope with severe back and neck pain.

Pupils from Porthcawl Primary School have won a 'Big Pedal' award. (See full story on page 8).

Lifeboat rescues experienced sailors in 'textbook' operation

THE UK Coastguard Agency paged Porthcawl RNLI volunteer crew on July 31, following a Mayday call from a motor cruiser taking in water and suffering a loss of engine power one and a half miles off Porthcawl.

The cruiser had been hit by two large waves off Kenfig sands, while on passage from Cardiff to Swansea.

Jake and Cath Scott, experienced sailors, were heading west, eventually making for Dublin. Jake said: "We crested the first large wave well, but as we went into the trough, the second wave smashed into the bows.

"We were not unduly concerned, as we are experienced in long sea passages and our boat handles such conditions well.

"One of the consequences of hitting the wave so hard was that our engines automatically went into 'limp' mode, which meant a loss of full power.

"However, we did become concerned when we saw water coming under the door from the bow cabin. Unable to gain access to the cabin, we sent out the Mayday, as we knew we were taking in water.

"We managed to turn towards Porthcawl and were relieved to see the lifeboat speeding towards us'.

Porthcawl's crew had launched the charity's Atlantic 85 *Rose of the Shires* lifeboat in moderate to rough sea conditions and were alongside the casualty within a few minutes.

Helmsman Carl Evans transferred two of his crew onto the casualty vessel with a water pump, and to communicate and assist the two people on board, should it become necessary to set up a tow into Porthcawl Marina.

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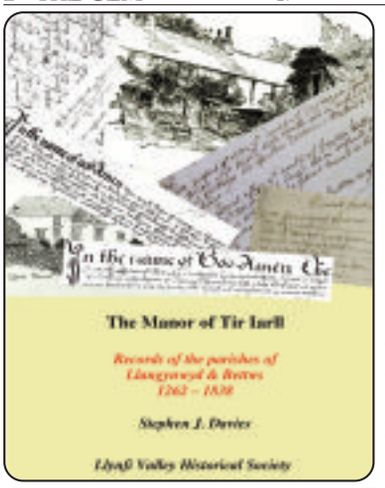

New Llynfi Historical Society book takes a step back in time

LEFT: The latest book from Llynfi Valley Historical Society author, Stephen Davies.

THE Llynfi Valley Historical Society has recently published a book on the ancient Norman manor of Tir Iarll, the Earl's Land.

From the 13th century, the area of the upper Llynfi valley, covering the parishes of Llangynwyd and Bettws, was renown for its richness of wildlife and was adopted as a hunting reserve for Robert, Earl of Gloucester.

The area continued to be rural up to the start of the industrial revolution and farming was the main occupation.

Many old records exist of the manor and those who worked the land and their farmsteads in archives, such as the National Library and Glamorgan Archives, and also the national archive at Kew.

They offer a wealth of information on who lived in the manor from very early times, and adds considerably to the rich fund of local historical knowledge that has accumulated over many years.

It allows the reader to obtain an insight into a rural way of life regulated by land owners and leaseholders through local courts and will prove a boon for students of family history.

The book provides a range of accessible detail from the the period before information was collected for the census and other Government initiatives.

The book is available from the author, Stephen Davies, and costs £9. Call 01656 735336 or the secretary, Neil Perry on 01656 730592.

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19 finalists are unveiled for Bridgend Business Forum's annual awards

THE finalists for the fifth Bridgend Business Forum Awards have been revealed.

Leading the nominations are Kontroltek Ltd, Scott Waste, House of Callway and Wales Interactive – all of which have been shortlisted in two categories.

In all, there are 19 finalists across eight categories, which includes: start-up business of the year, service business of the year and entrepreneur of the year, with Porthcawl Surf School, A&R Contract Cleaning Specialist Ltd, and Bang On Brewery Ltd among the businesses shortlisted.

Fourteen businesses will then compete for the coveted Bridgend Business of the Year 2017, chosen from the winners of each category.

Sponsored by Bridgend College and supported by Bridgend County Borough Council, the 2017 awards will take place on September 29 at the Coed-Y-Mwstwr Hotel, Bridgend. The ceremony will be hosted by BBC TV presenter and journalist Sian Lloyd.

Following a rigorous judging process, the panel – consisting of the 2017 sponsors and Bridgend Business Forum representatives – selected finalists from across a range of sectors.

ABOVE: Simon Pirotte, Principal of Bridgend College and Ian Jessopp, Chair of Bridgend Business Forum.

The winner of the Entrepreneur of the Year Award, which is sponsored by SME Finance Partners, will be formally announced at the awards ceremony in September.

Ian Jessopp, Chair of Bridgend Business Forum, said: "The forum awards celebrate the very best of business in Bridgend and provide an opportunity for new and established businesses across a variety of sectors, to showcase their work, services and products – all of which are contributing to a prosperous Welsh economy.

"The awards are a really significant date in our calendar year as we believe it is vital to recognise the achievements of Bridgend businesses. As a forum, our priority is to continue to support all businesses to encourage growth, and ultimately success.

"We've had another strong response to this year's awards; the quality of applications has been extremely exciting, particularly as many were from businesses that hadn't entered previously.

"As a panel, we believe we have selected deserving winners and runners-up and look forward to celebrating their achievements in September."

Bridgend County Borough Council Leader, Coun Huw David, added: "These awards continue to recognise the vital role that businesses, entrepreneurs and employees play in creating a strong economy here in Bridgend.

"The calibre, passion and commitment of the businesses that entered these awards is phenomenal, and demonstrates that Bridgend is open to business and indeed thriving.

"I would like to wish all finalists the very best of luck for the 2017 awards and look forward to meeting the shortlisted applicants at the awards ceremony."

Sponsors include: Bridgend College; Rockwool; ISA Training; Berry Smith Lawyers; EEF, the manufacturer's organisation; SME Finance Partners; Handelsbanken; ION Leadership; Harris Bassett; KK Solutions; and United Graphic Design.

To find out more about the awards ceremony and shortlisted businesses, visit: www.bridgendbusinessforum.co.uk.

Environmental shop offers work experience

ABOVE, from left to right: Margaret Minhinnick, Cian Sparrow, Nia Eastment, Jessica Townsend.

A Porthcawl-based environmentally-friendly shop is offering work experience to sixth formers who want to combine getting some retail experience while working in the 'green' sector.

Sustainable Wales director Margaret Minhinnick said: "Work placements for the borough's young people come around annually and we try to support this school initiative at SUSSED.

"Luckily, some join the regular volunteers and come along afterwards and offer their time during the summer holidays, building experience and adding to their CVs."

A number of Porthcawl sixth formers have spent time with Sustainable Wales,and are happy with how their time was spent.

Cian Sparrow commented: "I have worked as a volunteer before and I recommend the experience very strongly to anyone my age.

"The benefits are countless. We learn new skills as well as making new friends and the experiences are lifelong."

Nia Eastment said: "I wasn't 100 per cent clear about the Fairtrade campaign, but now see its importance."

Jessica Townsend added: "It allows us to interact confidently in new situations and working in the Fair-trade movement helps us expand our knowledge."

For more information, contact SUSSED, James Street, Porthcawl, CF363BG, 01656 783962 or www.sustainablewales.org.uk

KPC sign up again for Big Give challenge

FOLLOWING the success of last year's Big Give Xmas Challenge, KPC Youth and Community are "excited to have signed up again this year for the fundraising opportunity."

The vital fundraiser helps KPC towards covering the core costs of the project and what it delivers for the local community.

The first stage in the 'challenge' is to seek pledge promises from supporters – which then form part of the charity's matching pot for the Christmas Challenge.

By pledging, online donations received by KPC are matched during the live campaign for the Big Give Xmas Challenge.

Pledgers will only need to fulfil their promise and pay the charity if KPC receives online donations during the live campaign.

The campaign is a fantastic opportunity for doubling donations and could even be worth four times the original value.

If a workplace or organisation is holding a fundraiser, campaigners ask for a donation of any proceeds to help KPC hit their targets.

The challenge is now under way, with KPC having a deadline of Friday, September 1 to hit their pledge target of £3,000.

If you can help with a pledge of a minimum of £100, complete the online form at: http://secure.thebiggive.org.uk/pledge/kpcyouthcommunity.

Bridgend Quiz League results

HERE are this week's teasers from Bridgend Quiz League:

1. Whose mistress was Claretta Petacci?

2. Where was cyclist Chris Froome born?

3. In pale ale beer making, what is added to water in the process known as 'Burtonisation'?

The 2017/2018 season will commence on Monday, September 4 with the Muriel Williams quiz and team registration event to be held at Tondu Railway Club starting at 8pm.

There will be a free to enter, open to all, general knowledge quiz with a buffet provided. Why not come along and see what we are all about? There is no obligation to join the League.

See bridgendquiz.com for further details.

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Answers:
1. Benito Mussolini.
2. Nairobi, Kenya.
3. Gypsum.

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HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL AUGUST 10)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
03 Thur	03.53	7.7	16.31	7.8
04 Fri	04.57	7.9	17.27	8.2
05 Sat	05.51	8.3	18.12	8.7
06 Sun	06.31	8.6	18.53	9.1
07 Mon	07.09	9.0	19.28	9.4
08 Tues	07.47	9.5	20.04	9.6
09 Wed	08.22	9.5	20.41	9.7
10 Thur	08.58	9.5	21.16	9.8

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A mystery 'island' off the coast of Porthcawl!

This photograph, taken by Keith E Morgan from just outside the Seabank Hotel, shows what appears to be a new island off the coast of Porthcawl.

MENTION the term 'Lost Island' and you are soon in the world of Jules Verne – where explorers find a new world, previously hidden from view.

For a brief spell last Friday (July 28) Porthcawl appeared to have acquired its own new island– its own version of Flat Holm or Steep Holm at Penarth!

Local photographer Keith E Morgan explained: "At about 1.45pm, a 'mysterious island' appeared to rise out of the waters of the Bristol Channel and loom very clear on the horizon to an observer on the sea front of Porthcawl.

"This materialization did not last long, but the island was also noticed by the coast watchers on duty in the Old Watch Tower and they identified it for me as being the Selworthy Beacon on Bossington Down near Minehead on the Somerset coast.

"Due to a natural phenomenon, the background of the Somerset coast was lost in the mist and the headland appeared to be isolated and cut off from the mainland – as well as being enlarged by some form of light refraction as captured in the accompanying photograph.

"Did any other GEM reader notice this unusual materialization?"

Jackdaw is caught on freshly-painted rugby posts in freak accident

Sadly, the jackdaw misjudged its flight and got stuck to the crossbar.

It had suffered severe injuries to its wing and had to be put to sleep.

A JACKDAW lost its life after becoming stuck to freshly-painted rugby posts at Tondu RFC.

RSPCA Cymru attended, after the jackdaw had become stuck on the crossbar, with one of its wings hanging downwards.

The freak accident happened at the Pandy Park rugby ground, in the Aberkenfig area, on Monday, July 17.

The charity attended within 15 minutes of receiving a call, and got up to the jackdaw using a ladder.

Sadly, the bird had a heavily-damaged wing from the ordeal, and was smothered in gloss paint – and had to be put to sleep to prevent suffering.

RSPCA animal welfare officer Andrew Harris said: "The posts were painted the day before – this poor jackdaw clearly misjudged his flight and flew straight into the crossbar.

"Pure and simple, this was a freak accident, for which nobody should shoulder any blame and which could not realistically have been prevented.

"While we were able to rescue the jackdaw from the posts, his wing injuries were severe and he had to be put to sleep.

"Helping wildlife is a huge part of the RSPCA's work. This accident is just one example of how everyday situations do, on occasions, lead to the RSPCA being called out to tend to wild animals."

If you wish to help the RSPCA with its animal welfare work, you can give £3 now by texting LOVE to 87023 (text costs £3 plus one standard network rate message). It is a charity that relies on public donations to exist.

Anyone for an allotment?

RESIDENTS interested in a community allotment can go along to Bridgend Communities First's information morning at Fairfield Centre at Bryn Celyn in Maesteg Park (opposite Bryn Celyn Residential Home) on Friday, August 11 from 10am–12pm.

"Tending an allotment is a great way of growing healthy vegetables, fruit and herbs on a budget. Just half an hour in the allotment can have physical and mental health benefits for you and your family!"

For further details, call Jeremy on 01656 643518 or 07815 527124.

Porthcawl RNLI's 'textbook' rescue

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The Coastguard search and rescue helicopter was also on scene as standby support.

Jake added: "We were able to make it safely into the marina with the lifeboat ready to assist if required. Once inside the marina, lifeboat shore crew assisted us in berthing and we were able to investigate what had caused the ingress of water into our forward cabin.

"It appears the force of that second wave, or that we hit some floating object, smashed open a bow hatch and allowed water in. Ironically, we are volunteers at Portishead lifeboat station so we are normally at the receiving end of Mayday calls not the ones sending them out."

Philip Missen, Lifeboat Operations Manager at Porthcawl said: "The shout could almost have been a textbook exercise and not a Mayday rescue.

"The crew of the casualty were both experienced sailors who carried all the safety equipment recommended, including dry suits and life raft.

"The Mayday call had been put out sooner rather than later and this all helped in a safe outcome to what was genuinely an accident at sea."

Following repairs to the bow hatch, Jake and Cath plan to continue with their passage to Dublin taking in marinas along the south and west Wales coast ever keeping an eye on the shipping forecast.

The vessel is towed to harbour by Porthcawl RNLI.

Mayor's summer party at the Green Acres

A Sunday afternoon in July was happily spent at the Green Acres Motel, North Cornelly, by the Mayor of the County Borough of Bridgend, Coun Pamela Davies and the Bridgend county charity committee and friends for the annual 'summer party'.

The event was hosted by Mr. Mike Thomas of the Green Acres Motel and a very warm and encouraging welcome was received from the staff ,with one staff member (Lorraine) taking control and helping to organise the afternoon.

The strawberries were donated by local stores: Tesco Quarella Road, Tesco Cowbridge Road, Brackla Co-op and Sainsbury's with the fresh cream and milk from the Lougher family, Tŷ Tanglwyst Farm, Cornelly.

The cakes and savouries were supplied by the committee members and sandwiches by the management of the Green Acres Motel – a real feast that everyone present enjoyed.

The entertainment was provided by a local Llynfi Valley Group 'The Ramblers' headed by Coun Malcolm James and two colleagues, what talent!

They were awesome and they played pleasing and inspiring music, satisfying everyone with their chosen musical items and the requests from the guests.

We also thank friends of the Green Acres Motel for joining in and supporting this special event. The three main charities the Bridgend Civic Charity Committee and the Mayor of the County Borough of Bridgend for 2017-2018 are supporting were officially announced: – Alzheimer Society Cymru-Bridgend; Breast Cancer Unit @ the Princess of Wales Hospital-Bridgend; and the Bridgend Youth Theatre.

We look forward to a good year of working together and reaching our target.

The next event is on Sunday, August 20, 3pm for 3.30pm at the Hi-Tide Inn, Porthcawl, for an afternoon tea with special guest speaker- Madeleine Moon, MP.

Tickets are £10. For further information and to reserve tickets, contact Mari Major, MBE: - 01656 651 491 or Marlene Thomas: 01656 871 439.

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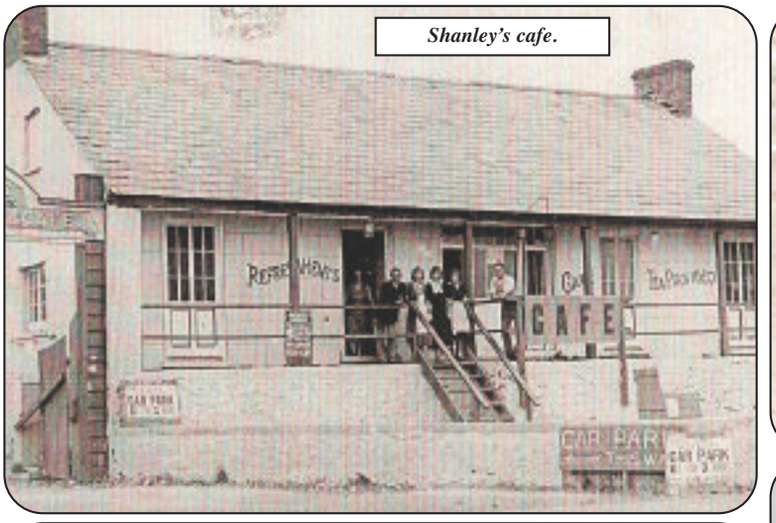
The early days of August 1917 exact a heavy toll on Porthcawlians – *while back home a baker is fined for his flaky pasties!*

Elsie Thomas (on left).



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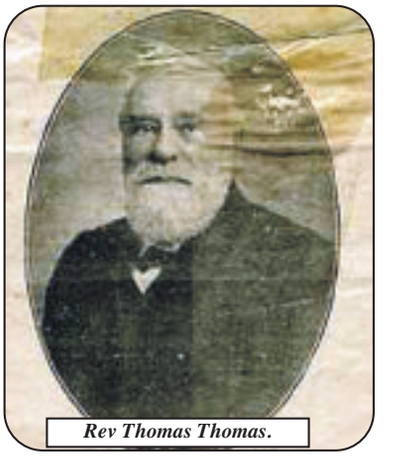

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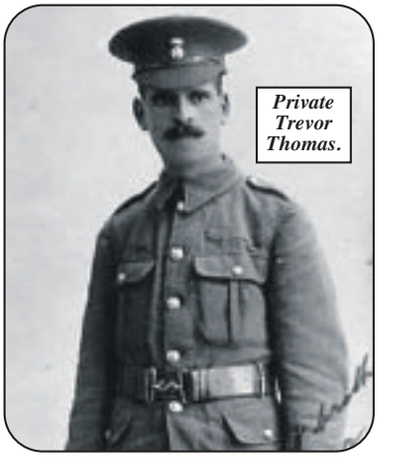


Private Trevor Thomas.

Royal Porthcawl Golf Clubhouse.

Blanche Tomlin.

Local historian CERI JOSEPH continues her series on Porthcawl 100 years ago, during World War One. This month, she looks at August 1917.

EARLY August brought more tragic news of Porthcawlians who had been killed serving their country – Private Samuel John Lewis, Lance Corporal Wilfred James Edwards and Private Thomas George Owen.

Samuel John and Clifford Prosser Lewis, the youngest of nine children, born in 1892 and 1895 respectively, had lived on New Road, Porthcawl since 1881. Their father, Samuel Lewis, seemed to have run a very successful grocer's business in the town, as the family employed two servants.

However, by 1901, the family had moved back to Penrhiwceiber, their father's birthplace; yet within a year their father, Samuel, had emigrated to America. In 1911, both young Samuel and Clifford were boarding and working in Aberfan, where Samuel worked as a clerk, and Clifford as a coalminer.

It would seem that Clifford did not take to life in the mine as he, emigrated to America on the *Campania* in March 1912, to join his father in Oakland, California.

Following enlistment at Merthyr, Samuel was called up to the Yorkshire Regiment and, was killed on 1st August 1917 at the Battle of Passchendaele.

Later that year, Clifford enlisted into the 58th Infantry Regiment 4th Division, US Army. He, too, was killed on 18th July 1918 at the 2nd Battle of the Marne.

Their father, Samuel, died in America in 1919 and their mother Margaret, in 1921 in Porthcawl. The family are commemorated on a grave in St John's Churchyard, Newton .

Lance Corporal Wilfred James Edwards, one of five children, was born in April 1897 in Trelleck, Monmouthshire. Sadly, his father, David, had died the previous October.

In 1901, his mother Rachel married William David Phillips, a widower with 10 children, who earned his living as a tailor in Cardiff. In 1908, Wilfred's brother, Charles emigrated to Canada in 1908, aged 16 years old.

In October 1914, he enlisted into the Canadian Expeditionary Force, but was discharged six months later being classed as medically unfit. The rest of the family, however, moved to Sandholm, Mackworth Road, Porthcawl in 1911, whereupon they opened a 'Ladies' and Gents' High Class Tailor's establishment,' in John Street. (probably where New Look is today).

Initially, Wilfred, known locally as Wilfred Phillips, worked for the 'Porthcawl News' but by 1914 he had obtained a job with the Porthcawl Gas Works. Enlisting in 1916, Wilfred was drafted into the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, with whom he was posted to France in May 1916.

Lance Corporal Edward's death is recorded as 4th August 1917, yet one document records it as 31st July 1917. Wilfred is remembered on the Arras Memorial as his body was never recovered, which coupled with the discrepancy of death dates, highlights the chaos and carnage that became ever more evident during the war – and may have had some bearing on the course of action Charles then took in Canada.

In 1917, Canada brought in conscription and Charles was again brought to the colours; yet on 9th January 1918 he was charged with misconduct as a MSA Defaulter and was sentenced to serve 14 months at Stony Court Penitentiary, near Winnipeg. Whatever his reasons for taking this course of action, we can only surmise, but conscientious objectors were held at this prison.

Private Thomas George Owen, 15th Battalion, Welsh Regiment, was born in Treforest in 1897, to Thomas and Florence Owen. By 1901 the family had moved to 66, Brackla Street, Bridgend where his father worked as a general labourer.

In 1911, both George and his father were working as coalminers in the local pit near their new address 16, Pwllygarth Street, Kenfig Hill; yet by 1917, the family, which now included a daughter, Thelma, were found living at 16, George Street, Porthcawl.

Initially, George had worked during the summers for Mr Michael William Shanly, an entrepreneur, who provided bathing huts, deckchairs and cafes, for the developing seaside resort.

In 1914, George was in the employ of Spillers and Bakers Ltd, Cardiff, yet , by Christmas 1916 he had enlisted into the Welsh Regiment and was serving on the Western Front. Private Owen was, sadly, killed as a result of shellfire on 5th August 1917 at Passchendaele and, as his body was not recovered, is remembered on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres.

Researching George's family tree, I found a few points of interest. His maternal grandmother, Mary Wozencroft, was 'born at sea' off Cape Horn. Mary's father, John Thomas, had been a regular soldier in the 11th Foot (Devonshire Regiment) 1823-1847; and on discharge had been treated at the Royal Hospital Chelsea for rheumatism.

He remained at Chelsea for a while, although he had married Mary in 1841 and, by the end of 1850, had a son William. In 1851, the family had moved to Cardiff, where John gave his profession as a Chelsea Pensioner; but within a few years, he was employed as the turnkey (jailer) to Cardiff Goal, on the site where Cardiff Market is today. John died in 1861 aged 56 years old.

On the home front, Porthcawl news was dominated by the visit of the celebrated actress and singer Miss Blanche Tomlin. During her career Miss Tomlin had appeared on the West End Stage and on Broadway. Born in Leeds in 1889, she married Ronald Ford Wakley a coal exporter from Barry, on 12th July 1917.

During their visit to his hometown the following month, they spent a few days in Porthcawl, during which Miss Tomlin was invited to sing at the Porthcawl Allotment Show. The event was to promote the increase of local food production with 'a valuable Cup being awarded for the best-kept and stocked war allotment.' (*Porthcawl News 31st August 1917*).

Sadly, Miss Tomlin's marriage failed to last a year as her husband, Ronald, died in April 1918. As well as promoting food production the policing of foodstuffs was even more vigilant. Farmer Herbert Evans of Tythegston was fined £3 for supplying milk deficient in butter fat to Isaac Heath the milkman, whilst Henry Beach Comley, baker, was again in breach of the Cake and Pastry Order for producing flaky pastries.

When the food inspector asked Mr Comley why he kept making them, the reply came back," I am going on making these articles until a decision is given against me." (*Porthcawl News 31st August 1917*) It was; the Magistrate imposed a fine of 10s on Mr Comley.

Porthcawlians were greatly saddened to hear of the death of Rev Thomas Thomas, a well-known retired Baptist Minister, who died on 26th August at his home in Picton Avenue. Although he retired to Porthcawl in 1904, he took charge of the ministerial duties at Gilgal during periods when the chapel was awaiting new appointments.

Rev Thomas, 77, was a widower, who left a son Frank, who was superintendent of the YMCA huts, and served the system of dugouts in the Ypres sector.

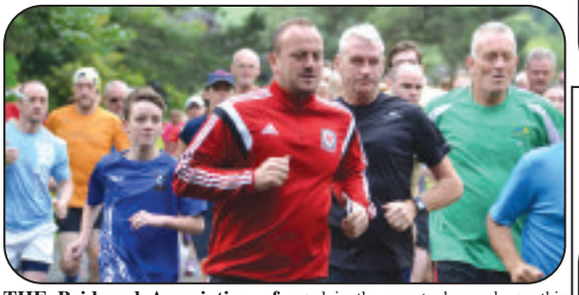
Of his four daughters, Elsie, served as a QA nurse in Egypt, whilst another son, Private Trevor Thomas, 15th Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers had been killed the previous August, at the Somme. Finally, the committee of the Royal Porthcawl Golf Club reported in August 1917, that the negotiations with the Margam Estate, as to the tenancy of the clubhouse and links, were completed.

The owners of the Estate finally granted the lease for the 18 holes and clubhouse, which had been completed in 1899.

Prior to this, rent had been paid for the first nine holes positioned on Locks Common and for the second nine holes, 300 yards away, on the land where the golf club is today.

Interestingly, the original clubhouse was the workmen's quarters in Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee Exhibition in Crystal Palace, London.

PARKRUN TAKES OFF IN THE LLYNFI VALLEY



THE Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) has worked with BBCBC, HALO Leisure, Yr Hen Blwyth Running Club and parkrun to start up Llynfi Valley's own parkrun

Thanks to funding received through the Llynfi Valley 20 Project and BCBC, over 170 runners came to experience the wonderful Maesteg Welfare Park (many for the first time), where under the command of event director Emma Marshall, Huw Irranca Davies AM and the cabinet member for social services and early help, Coun Phil White, Llynfi Valley's parkrun was officially launched on Saturday, July 22.

BAVO's chief executive officer, Heidi Bennett, commented: "Parkrun organise free, weekly, 5km timed runs around the world. They are open to everyone, free and are safe and easy to take part in. We are extremely proud to have our very own one in Maesteg.

"The Llynfi Valley has a 20 year less healthy life expectancy than any other ward in the county borough; so this (hopefully) will help community members to be more aware about what they could do to help improve their own situations."

BAVO co-ordinated a local response which has seen a core group of volunteers develop a small committee which is essential for any parkrun to happen.

Huw Irranca-Davies, Ogmore AM, said: "A huge effort went into making it a great success, with over 170 people from Maesteg (and visitors from further afield) taking part in the run and loads of smiling volunteers.

"It showed Maesteg Park at its very best (well done as always to Friends of Maesteg Park for their constant work) but also the friendliness and great organisation of the local organisers.

"Well done to everyone and I was delighted to come along and support. It's a regular thing now on Saturday mornings and all are welcome. To catch-up, visit the *@maestegparkrun* Facebook page."

For further details, contact Stuart at BAVO, 01656 810400 or email: bavo@bavo.org.uk

Pencoed man's 40 years service to the 'Buffs'

Arthur Sims (right) receives his certificat from Brother Andrew Kinstock.

A PENCOED man – Arthur Sims – has been honoured for giving 40 years' service to his branch of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes.

Better known as the Pencoed Buffs, the local branch – the Sunshine Lodge – now meets in the Chatterton Arms, Pencoed.

Arthur Sims was presented with his 40-year certificate by Brother Andrew Kinstock.

New Mayor announces her chosen charities

– and plans to write a book

The new Mayor of Bridgend county borough, Coun Pam Davies, at one of her first engagements – a Flying Start Fun Day in Bridgend Life Centre.

THE new Mayor of Bridgend county borough has announced the three main charities that she will be supporting during her year in office.

Coun Pam Davies has chosen to raise funds for Bridgend Youth Theatre, Alzheimer's Society Bridgend, and Breast Cancer Care at Princess of Wales Hospital.

Coun Davies said: "These are three causes that I am passionate about, so I'm very pleased to be supporting these locally-based charities over the next year."

Coun Davies was handed the Mayoral chains following the local elections and has "very much enjoyed" meeting local people at many varied engagements since becoming a member of the 'chain gang'.

She said: "It's an honour for me to become Mayor and represent the county borough. I'm excited about carrying out my duties and have been touched by the warmth that has been shown to me and my husband at the events we have already attended.

"I am extremely proud of our area and I will endeavour to promote Bridgend county borough and all of its qualities to everyone I meet at mayoral events."

The new Mayor is also the ward member for Bryntirion, Laleston and Merthyr Mawr, which encompasses Broadlands. She is aiming to write a book about her mayoral year, which will also look back on the 22 years she spent working for the Welsh Ambulance Service.

If you would like to invite the new mayor to any events or celebrations that you are organising during the next year, call the Mayor's office at Bridgend County Borough Council on 01656 643250; or email mayor@bridgend.gov.uk

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ANGUISH OF WOMEN WHO RECEIVED 'MESH' IMPLANT TREATMENT

A Barry woman has told The GEM of the anguish and pain suffered by some patients who have received medical 'mesh implants', ***writes TIM CHAPMAN*****.**

Mrs Pauline Inch (60) says that some women who received the treatment suffered serious health problems and endured bouts of depression.

For many women suffering the distressing effects of stress urinary incontinence and pelvic organ prolapse, surgical procedures using vaginal mesh devices have provided an effective form of treatment which can be far less invasive than alternative surgical procedures. However, the safety and efficacy of surgery using mesh devices has been questioned by a community of patients and clinicians.

Mrs Inch attended a parliamentary meeting at Westminster on July 18 hosted by Owen Smith, the MP for Pontypridd, which was addressed by leading gynaecologists, urologists, and 'Sling the Mesh' campaigner Kath Sansom.

Pauline, who says she knows of sufferers in Barry and Bridgend, told The GEM: "The meeting in Parliament was chaired by Owen Smith and there was a panel of eminent surgeons.

"It was well attended by over 120 women from all over the country who had suffered from an implant at some time in their lives.

"We heard that incidents had been under-reported because staff were worried how it would reflect on them.

"We also heard that the old way of surgery had very little failures compared to the mesh method, but the mesh was deemed cheaper and more cost effective.

"Even that has not been really true, because of the additional cost of medication to help affected patients through the painful life that they have to endure afterwards."

Alternatives treatments can include using 'bulking agents' such as a polyacrylamide hydrogel, pessaries or tissue grafts.

One consultant urogynaecologist told the meeting that there is a better way of solving the problem.

Pauline said: "There always was, so why was it ignored? Only 40 per cent of surgeons reported their results to the authorities, so the problem was played down, and the plight of women victims rejected.

"These women had to suffer physical and mental pain while their bodies rejected the intruder inside of them.

"Some of the medication didn't help their mental state, which was compounded by some of their GPs telling them that the pain was psychosomatic."

Pauline said that during the Westminster meeting some of the women were able to recount stories about how devastated their lives had been following treatment.

She said: "The women were allowed to voice their feelings, and for two hours we listened to the torture that these ladies had to endure.

"The stories told at that meeting left most in the room with tears in their eyes, men in the room openly crying while listening to the ordeals of some women.

"One woman from north Wales told the assembled group that she was an outdoor person who regularly went walking in the mountains of Wales with her husband and daughter before her operation; now she is a wreck, unable to walk down to the high street to shop, let alone climb a mountain.

"When she first started to suffer from the symptoms of mesh, she was told that 'it was all in her mind', and just get on with her life.

"This lady doubted herself, and was twice put into care for mental issues; she also tried to kill herself to end the pain.

"Another told of the suffering experienced by the husbands and families of victims, it was not just the patient who suffered.

"Her husband was a 'brick' to her, and stood by her through the many years that she suffered. They hadn't had sex for years due to the extreme pain that she was in."

Pauline said a GP told the meeting that some colleagues had been ignorant of issues surrounding the mesh treatment and he was trying to educate them and surgeons on its failings.

All GPs had been able to do was refer women back to specialists who had caused the problem in the first place. Pauline says she herself suffers horrendous pain. "The top of my legs hurt, my groin feels as if it has barbed wire in there, and it's as if someone's put a hatchet in my lower back."

When she spoke to one surgeon about removing her mesh, he told her: "There's nothing that can be done. No surgeon would come near you."

The problem is too complex. Pauline's mesh is now embedded in her abdominal walls, part of her bowel, and her organs.

She said she wanted to thank her Assembly Member Jane Hutt who had been a huge support throughout her ordeal.

Prior to the meeting, Owen Smith said: "In seven years of being an MP, this is one of the worst medical issues I have come across.

"I was first contacted by a constituent suffering from chronic pain as a result of the procedure, and since getting in touch with the 'Sling the Mesh' campaign, I have been contacted by countless women who have shared their devastating stories following mesh surgery.

"It is my hope that the Government will take action to address this growing issue and immediately review mesh treatment."

An NHS England Mesh Working Group report has been issued and Mr Smith said: "Mesh injured women will be deeply disappointed by the outcomes of the final NHS England Review, which seems to have made little progress since its interim report came out over a year ago.

"This was an opportunity for the NHS to take a lead and recommend a pause in the use of mesh until we know precisely how many women have been adversely affected by the product.

"Instead, they appear content to allow mesh to be widely used, despite growing, international concerns about its potential ill effects.

"Many companies have already taken their mesh products off the market – that alone should tell us something is not right with these devices."

The Mesh Oversight Group Report was published by NHS England last month.

It says: "This report sets out clear and achievable steps to improve the care of women with stress urinary incontinence (SUI) and pelvic organ prolapse (POP). "It is a direct and practical response to the serious issues raised by patients and the recommendations published in the interim report in 2015.

"It describes how improvements will be met in patient information and consent, shared decision-making, procedure recording and complication reporting as part of professional clinical practice.

"It also describes measures to address the knowledge level in general practice, where the majority of initial consultations occur and patients may later present with complications.

"This report also has a particular focus on those women who have developed complications and their referral and access to self-declared specialist centres with multidisciplinary teams able to advise on and treat complications and post-operative problems."

The report is available to see online at: https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/mesh-oversight-group-report.pdf.

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Rosie Howarth conducts the orchestra and choir.

IT couldn't have been better – a sunny summer's evening, everyone's favourite opera choruses, and a full house for Cor Bro Ogwr's latest concert!

The programme included Mozart, Verdi, Donizetti, Purcell and Bizet, accompanied by a scratch 18-piece orchestra made up of RWCMD students, alumni and local professionals.

Just one afternoon rehearsal, with choir and soloists, and they came together perfectly for the evening performance.

We were fortunate to have three talented soloists from RCWMD; David Powton, an MA in opera graduate, Adam Jondelius, also an operatic MA, and Kate Reynolds, another Masters graduate with a keen interest in opera. With such a well qualified trio, the audience was guaranteed a polished performance and they were not disappointed.

There was a varied mixture of solo items, duets and choir choruses, something to please everyone. The famous duet from *The Pearl Fishers* was sung with such feeling by Adam and David that the audience was silent for a moment before breaking into applause.

The interval bar, heralded by the most appropriate 'Drinking Song' (Brindisi), helped the lighthearted mood continue!

We thank the Rector, Philip Masson, for manning the bar and allowing us the privilege of singing in All Saints' Church, Porthcawl, with its marvellous acoustics.

As a charity, the choir is grateful for the financial support from Ty Cerdd, with money from the National Lottery Fund, channelled through the Welsh Arts Council and sponsored by the Welsh Government.

This was our conductor Rosie Howarth's third concert, so she has now completed a year with us. She has taken us on an interesting journey, tackling classical, traditional and contemporary music, and introducing musicians and soloists from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

We are looking forward to more of her energy and enthusiasm when we start back on September 6. If you liked what you heard during our concerts, why not join us? You can find us on our website or on Facebook.

DOMINIQUE SPEAREY

Green award for Bridgend social housing company

RECENTLY, Valleys to Coast (V2C) retained the Green Dragon Level 2 accreditation for another year.

The Green Dragon environmental standard is designed to promote good environmental management and to help manage activities in a way which helps the environment.

This accreditation has been held for a number of years now and some of the benefits to V2C and their customers have included; improved waste recycling, making V2C's offices more energy efficient, using latest technologies to help customers save money in their homes and investment in external wall insulation.

Rob Thomas, V2C's assistant director of property services said: "Achieving the Green Dragon standard demonstrates V2C's commitment to environmental management and each year V2C have to go through a rigorous inspection audit to maintain this certification.

"We are thrilled to retain this for another year and it shows how dedicated we are to making our thriving communities become greener while also being a successful organisation."

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Pupils win trophies for showing that two wheels are better than four!

ABOVE: Pupils at Pencoed Comprehensive School are among those who have given their views in the council's Active Travel consultation.

Ysgol Bryn Castell pupils really embraced the Big Pedal challenge which encouraged them to travel to school in a more active way.

AS Bridgend County Borough Council continues its public consultation over which 'Active Travel' improvements residents would like to see to help them walk, or cycle safely, two local schools have picked up trophies for their own efforts in encouraging families to choose two wheels rather than four.

Ysgol Bryn Castell and Porthcawl Primary School enjoyed a 'wheelie' good end to the summer term after they were presented with their trophies for being so successful in this year's Big Pedal Challenge.

The competition, which ran for a fortnight, challenged youngsters across the UK to travel by bike or scooter for the daily school run, with parents leaving their cars at home.

Porthcawl Primary School finished as the top primary school in Wales (five day category) and Ysgol Bryn Castell picked up second place in a UK-wide one-day challenge. An impressive 73 per cent of the daily journeys made by Porthcawl pupils were made on two wheels during their challenge.

Coun Richard Young, BCBC's cabinet member for communities, said: "So many of our schools are tremendously positive in promoting active travel to their pupils, realising the excellent benefits for the whole school community that can be gained by pupils either walking, cycling or scooting more rather than spending the school run sat in a car. Children get to school feeling more energised, healthier, and more ready to learn.

"As a council, we have worked extremely hard in recent years to improve our active travel infrastructure, as we want to make it a realistic option for people to leave their cars at home for everyday short journeys such as the daily school run, the commute to work, or trips to shops and amenities.

"The success achieved by local schools in the Big Pedal Challenge demonstrates that active travel is achievable for many residents in Bridgend County Borough, but we want to do more."

After carrying out an initial public consultation in 2015 to find out which routes people were using most for their everyday journeys on foot or two wheels, BCBC is currently mid-way through a 12-week public consultation that is inviting views on the new routes and improvements people would like to see built, such as new paths, safer crossings and other road safety measures.

Maps showing a total of 161 possible new active travel routes have been drawn up, with proposed routes including Newton to Porthcawl town centre, Garth to Maesteg Comprehensive School, and a safe link between Parc Derwen and Brackla – as part of a longer route that would also join up Bridgend town centre with the Bridgend Designer Outlet along the dual carriageway.

Another proposal would connect Brynmenyn with Blaengarw Country Park, completing the Garw Valley Community Route, while safe routes could also be created from Broadlands to Bryntirion Comprehensive School, Litchard to Brynteg Comprehensive School, and Pen-y-Fai to Bryntirion Comprehensive School.

Coun Young added: "This consultation will help us to discover which new routes would be welcomed the most by local residents, so that we can prioritise which ones we will then be bidding for funding to create over the next 15 years.

"These shorter, urban routes are being focused on in the first instance, due to the greater potential number of people who would make use of them – but other longer-term schemes have also been earmarked, including Pyle to Porthcawl, Maesteg to Tondu, and Bridgend to Porthcawl.

"Thanks to everyone who has shared their opinions so far, and don't miss the chance to have your say too by completing the survey online."

BCBC's 'Active Travel' consultation closes on September 1. To have your say, visit www.bridgend.gov.uk/consultation.

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BRIDGEND CHOIRS JOIN OWAIN ARWEL HUGHES FOR A TOUR-DE-FORCE

There are a few occasions in life when you can say *'I was there'*.

Well, I was there at the Welsh Proms in St David's Hall, Cardiff to hear the wonderful, trophy-winning Cory Band playing a selection of late 19th and early 20th-century melodies by composers including Verdi, Arnold, Respighi and Tchaikovsky.

Accompanying the band was a massed male choir just shy of 200 voices, comprising the Bridgend Male Choir, Cardiff Arms Park Male Choir, Ogmore Valley Male Choirs and Côr Meibion Morlais under the ever-attentive baton of the charismatic Owain Arwel Hughes.

In essence, quite a *tour-de-force* of Welsh musical tradition gathered in one place.

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The singing was made even more poignant as we shared in the tribute to Owain Arwel Hughes' daughter Lisa, who passed away just a month ago with breast cancer.

That Hughes was even on the platform after such an unimaginably sad family event was remarkable enough in itself, but to hear the dedication to Lisa in the form of *Eli Jenkins' Prayer* (Troyte's Sunset Poem) sung by the massed choir and conducted by Hughes himself, was possibly one of the most moving musical experiences I've ever had. It was a real privilege to say "I was there".

Review by DEBBIE NICHOL.
Debbie maintains a music blog, www.notesfromlastnight.co.uk

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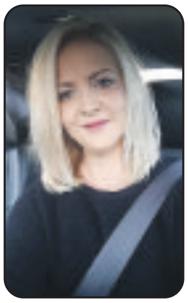
Rhiannon in search of her long-lost dad

Rhiannon with husband Nick and sons Charlie and Elliot.



Rhiannon Pattison

Rhiannon as a little girl in Barry.

by **TIM CHAPMAN**
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A WOMAN from Rotherham is desperate to contact her long-lost father whom she last saw in Barry 30 years ago.

He was a keen local darts player who once played a charity match against world champion Eric Bristow.

Rhiannon Pattison (38) talks with a broad Yorkshire accent, but describes herself as ‘a Welsh girl at heart’, and one who hopes to find the vital clue that could lead to the whereabouts of her dad.

She said: “I’m hoping The GEM’s readers can help in my search. My father’s name is David Gwynfor Jones and his nickname was Buck. He was born in June 1952 and his birth was registered in Ruthin, Denbighshire.

“He played for two darts teams in Barry, The King William (Billy) Pub and The Six Bells in the year 1978-79.

“He played a charity match against Eric Bristow, but I’m unsure of the year.”

Rhiannon was born Rhiannon McCarthy on September 9, 1979.

“My mother was Patricia McCarthy and I had two half-sisters, Rachel and Sarah. We lived at Four Acres Close in Barry until I was eight.”

Following a family break-up, Rhiannon moved to Rotherham where she still lives.

She is happily married to Nick and has two sons Charlie (10) and Elliot (7).

Tragically, she has lost two daughters to a blood poisoning disease that did not affect her sons. If Isabelle had lived she would have been 12 years old this August, and Grace would be one.

As Rhiannon has seen her children growing up and endured her own tragedies, it has intensified her hopes of tracking down David.

“The last I heard in the 1980s, was that he had moved back to north Wales, and had a flat in Colwyn Bay.”

David would be 65 years old now.

Rhiannon has looked for her father for a number of years, but wonders whether someone in Barry may have kept in touch with him or may have known someone who did.

She has three other fragments of information that may be of help: at one stage, her dad worked for Pioneer Concrete; her father’s mother was Irene Jones, whose maiden name was Edwards, and Irene lived in Abergele; Brian McCarthy played darts with her father.

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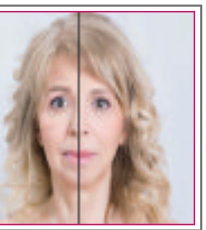

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Bridgend Bridge Club news update

HERE are the recent results at Bridgend Bridge Club:

Wednesday, July 26: First, Mike Best and David Birt; second, David Bowen and David Crompton; third, Linda Pinnock and Bill Turner.

The winners on handicap were Mike Best and David Birt.

Thursday, July 27: North/south: First, Chris Rawlings and John Henson; second, Gareth Jenkins and Mike Williams; third, Steve Burgoyne and John Evans.

The winners on handicap were Chris Rawlings and John Henson.

East/west: First, Stuart Davies and Stewart Norton; second, Tegwyn Bond and Jan Watts; third, Richard and Maggie Ashpole.

The winners on handicap were Tegwyn Bond and Jan Watts.

Friday, July 28: First, Marjorie Morris and Bill Turner; second, Glenda Roberts and Liam Sheridan; third, Dave and Debbie Lea.

The winners on handicap were Marjorie Morris and Bill Turner.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesdays and Fridays at Norton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm; to enable a prompt start, it helps if players arrive ten minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

There will be a new series for beginners on Wednesdays from 4pm until 6pm starting on September 13 in Norton Church Hall.

For further information on lessons and other club activities, contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968; John Evans on 01656 880372; or David Newman on 01656 649138.

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AS BUSINESS AND UNION LEADERS HIT OUT OVER HALT TO THE ELECTRIFICATION OF RAIL LINE...

Conflicting views on future of trains in south Wales

LAST week, Welsh business and union leaders expressed disappointment at the UK Government's decision not to electrify the Great Western main line in Wales, *writes TIM CHAPMAN*.

The route takes in Newport, Cardiff, Bridgend and Swansea.

Wales TUC General Secretary Martin Mansfield claimed the decision showed the UK Government was turning its back on the Welsh economy.

"First, they went back on the promise to electrify the Valley lines, and the decision to ditch their pledge to Swansea is a fresh insult to the people of Wales.

"If work had started at the Swansea end, there is no way they'd have turned off the money before electrification had reached Reading.

"Why do UK Ministers think it's acceptable for Wales to be denied funding and to get a second-rate service?"

Vale MP and Secretary of State for Wales Alun Cairns, stated that a leap in technology was behind the decision and a new 'service hub' would be a benefit to Swansea.

He explained: "The latest technology allows us to bring the most modern trains in the world to Swansea at a much earlier stage than we had predicted.

"They are based on the Japanese bullet trains and will be maintained in Swansea, where the service hub will be located. This is a clear commitment to the area and its future.

"There's little sense in applying old technology when we have a far superior option available to us. I am delighted that passengers to and from Swansea will soon be enjoying some of the most modern trains in the world, with a higher capacity, better comfort, and quicker travel times.

"It would be nonsensical for us as a Government to install old technology when these, the most modern trains in the world, will be taking 15 minutes off the journey time."

Local rail enthusiast Mike Wilcock provided The GEM with an image of one of the new trains.

He said that the introduction of the trains, which are powered by both electricity or an on-board diesel engine, meant electrification wasn't required.

It would just mean switching to the diesel engine when the train sets off from Cardiff to Swansea.

Mike said: "The new trains don't need electrification. The trains are bi-mode and built by Hitachi.

"They can be run on diesel power, too, so there is no need for power lines to Swansea through Bridgend. They've already been running to Swansea for six months."

Electrification requires a pantograph system in which the train gets electricity from the cables above it.

Mike added: "It would cost millions (to electrify the line to Swansea) because some bridges would have to be lifted – such as at Pontyclun – so the pantograph could operate.

"Electrification would mean major inconvenience to motorists because roads would need to be closed as bridges are lifted to take account of the catenary (flexible wiring on a curve).

"Some Cardiff city centre bridges were closed for months.

Sub-stations along the line would also have been built to feed the power lines, and every few hundred metres, a gantry would be needed to hang the wires for the power lines to feed the trains."

In the next five to 10 years, Mike believes trains could become battery-powered, rather than diesel-powered.

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'Policing will one day be devolved to Wales' – SAYS COMMISSIONER

A POLICE boss believes the devolution of policing to Wales is inevitable, saying it's "a matter of when, not if".

According to Arfon Jones, the newly-elected chairman of the All-Wales Policing Group, there is now an unstoppable momentum in favour of the idea.

Mr Jones, the North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner, said support for devolving the issue was unanimous among the four Welsh commissioners, including south Wales' Alun Michael.

Although not legally devolved, many of the other areas of the criminal justice system, like the Crown Prosecution Service and the courts service, already operate with all-Wales structures.

Mr Jones said: "The four police and crime commissioners are keen to see more responsibilities devolved to Wales.

"We welcome the fact that the Ministry of Justice is moving towards devolving more responsibilities to commissioners around victims and witnesses. This is a step in the right direction.

"We believe policing should be completely devolved to Wales and it's only a matter of time before it is, but we need to convince the Secretary of State, Alun Cairns, of that and up until now, we haven't had much success.

North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner Arfon Jones.

"He is against the idea, because several people tried to move amendments to the Wales Bill to devolve such things as youth justice.

"The Government didn't support it, so it didn't go through – which is a shame, because youth justice is the only part of children's services which is not devolved to Wales.

"Other areas, like education, health and social care, are all devolved – then you've got youth justice, which still comes under the Ministry of Justice in London. It's totally illogical."

He said: "It might take 10 or 20 years, but it's important that we are properly prepared and that we have the right structures in place.

"It would make sense if criminal justice was totally devolved as well, the same as it is in Greater Manchester.

"Policing and criminal justice are devolved there to the mayor Andy Burnham, and if they can do it in Manchester, I don't see any reason why they can't do it in Wales.

"To have certain elements of criminal justice outside of that sort of sphere doesn't make sense, because you need everything together, as part of one integrated service.

"When you have one bit of a service devolved and not the others, all it does is muddy the waters and it causes more problems and causes more legal challenges.

"There have been a few legal challenges between the Welsh Government and Westminster and I can see more happening until policing is finally and rightly devolved to the people of Wales.

"A case in point is the confusion around the apprenticeship levy, where policing is not devolved and training is – with the likely end result that Welsh police officers may not get the same level of training because of the impasse between the two governments."

AM requests update on 'mesh implant' issue

THE Vale Assembly Member, Jane Hutt, welcomed a decision to hold a meeting in London, which highlighted how some women have suffered through medical 'mesh implants'.

It was hosted in Westminster by Owen Smith MP on July 18 and brought together women from across the UK, leading medical professionals and 'Sling the Mesh' campaigner Kath Sansom.

The AM said: "For many years, I have supported women in the Vale who have suffered life-changing side effects as the result of the use of surgical mesh and tape.

"I was pleased to hear about this very important meeting in Westminster and was glad that there was so much support from health professionals.

"I have forwarded my constituent's report of the meeting to the Health Secretary Vaughan Gething, asking for an update on the latest developments at a UK-wide level, including the Welsh Government."

Suburban delights for Vale Ramblers

WHAT a lovely walk the Vale Ramblers had recently – different from their usual fare – through Cardiff suburban areas and it was a real gem!

It's always amazing how many green spaces are hidden away in our towns and cities. A group of 21 started out with the sunshine bravely breaking through, from the iconic Scott Memorial in Roath Park.

Having skirted the lake, full of early morning runners, bravely avoiding the geese and swans, they walked up the leafy Nant-Fawr valley towards the Llanishen reservoirs.

The rest of the walk went through a lovely mix of local houses and yet more woodland pathways all the way to Cefn Onn Parc.

The pond with its plethora of benches, made a great lunch spot. A two-stop train ride then returned the group to Lake Road North.

The showers, sometimes heavy, didn't mar the enjoyment of a lovely day. A big thank you to Helen, who pulled out all the stops and delivered a wonderful walk, complete with delightful homemade shortbread for all!

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Out & About with The GEM

THE BIG SICK OFFERS A THOROUGHLY ENGAGING LOOK AT MODERN LOVE

IF you're a fan of TV show Silicon Valley (*and if not, then why not?*) then you'll be aware of Kumail Nanjiani, who plays Dinesh.

What you probably won't be aware of was how he came to meet and fall in love with his wife, a tale recounted in *The Big Sick*.

Nanjiani plays Kumail, a comic who is working as an Uber driver to make ends meet. When he meets student Emily (Zoe Kazan) at one of his stand-up shows, their relationship starts to blossom, but when they break up after Kumail is unable to reconcile the wants of his parents, who wish to place him in an arranged marriage, with his own, Emily becomes ill and falls into a coma.

Kumail then finds himself forging a relationship with her mother and father (Holly Hunter and Ray Romano) all the while keeping the secret from his own parents...

The Big Sick is a story seemingly so far-fetched that you would imagine it was the plot of the sort of film Channel 5 show in the daytime. But rather than being a hospital-set drama or an indulgent recanting of how he met his wife and fell in love, Kumail Nanjiani and Emily Gordon's script, long with director Michael Showalter, fashions a heartwarming, near-the-knuckle story of loves won and lost, and modern-day relationships, set against a backdrop of a medical emergency.

It seems an awkward blend for a story (despite its basis in the truth) but the script has all the components you need. We're conditioned by the rules of romantic comedies that the couple meet, fall in love, undergo some dramatic change of circumstance which sends them irrevocably apart, before they reunite following an act of great courtship, in time for the credits to roll.

The Big Sick doesn't subvert these tropes; instead, it places them into a more realistic setting, and while it says much about how we view love and how it makes us learn things about ourselves, it also makes some salient points about being a Muslim in the modern world, where love is not necessarily required to be arranged, and the desire to break free from the conformity of it can be strong.

It's a film that cuts close to the bone in its depiction of relationships and the little quirks, and Nanjiani and Gordon deserve credit for not trying to soften anything. We have the beautifully played out moments of a burgeoning love, and then the hammer blow of it all blowing up around them; and it feels all too real, which is to be hugely admired – but not the ideal viewing for a recently-united couple looking for a date movie!

It's a story that plays out on several fronts – it's about growing up and realising what you want from life; it's about recognising the faults in yourself and, perhaps most importantly, it's about putting yourself before the expectations of family – and each element works succinctly and perfectly.

It helps that the film's cast is terrific. Nanjiani may have only had small roles (Silicon Valley aside) so far, but he is a charming and engaging lead, while his chemistry with Zoe Kazan is exceptionally played out, Kazan marking herself a niche, after *Ruby Sparks* and *What If*, as the alternative female romantic comedy lead.

Ray Romano and Holly Hunter are superb as Emily's parents, battling through their own issues as well as trying to support their daughter and forging a relationship with Kumail, while Anupam Kher and Zenobia Shroff as Kumail's parents, and Adeel Akhtar as his devout brother, are wonderful also, struggling to get Kumail to commit to the traditions of his religion.

What makes *The Big Sick* stand out, however, is how it plays all these disparate elements into one wholly satisfying film. On their own, they would be great subjects to tackle, but, together with a keen sense of humour, they form one of the most engaging films of the year so far.

VERDICT: An unflinching look at love, what we do for it and all the awkwardness that goes with it, *The Big Sick* is bittersweet triumph of a film, one that manages to grab you emotionally and hit your funny bone on a regular basis.

Excellent work all round from director, cast and writers, it's one of the most realistic takes on falling in love you will see. *Essential viewing*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *What If* (2013), *(500) Days of Summer* (2009).

by GARETH JAMIESON
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Barry entertainer Jasper's magical London theatre run

BARRY'S international award-winning magician, comedian and playwright, Jasper Blakeley, has his first London theatre run this month.

Barry entertainer Jasper Blakely is Vladimir Dimitri Kockov.

Jasper, who lives in Woodland Rise, says he is "thrilled" to be performing for five nights at The Secret Cellar near London's South Bank.

He told The GEM: "It is an extraordinary and unique subterranean theatre venue, which is in its second season of shows, all of which have a conjuring theme to them. It's amazing to have been asked to be a part of an incredible line-up of world-class magicians and entertainers.

"I've got the chance to perform my comedy illusions in an intimate environment, which means there's nowhere to hide when it comes to performing my particular type of magic."

Jasper is starring as a Russian-esque comedy mind-reader Vladimir Dimitri Kockov, in a 60-minute show.

Jasper said: "I'm probably the most unusual act appearing at The Secret Cellar this season, but I'm also taking this opportunity to check out the venue too because I've already been asked back to perform my Victorian paranormal play *The Vienna Experiment* at the end of September."

The play made its debut last year in Barry and was a success last October as part of the London Horror Festival at The Old Red Lion Theatre in Islington.

With two London producers on board, Jasper hopes it will get more good reviews that could lead to a UK-wide tour.

"It's very early days, but along with my performance partner and fellow actor, Rhoose resident Frank E Haschka, we're keen to see how far the play can go".

Jasper's comedy mind-reading performance runs at The Secret Cellar from August 2 to 6, and his Victorian play *The Vienna Experiment* runs from September 27 to October 1. See *www.secretcellarlondon.com* for more details.

Jasper will be returning to Barry in October with a 90-minute show.

Southern Comfort for Barry as folk legend heads for West End Club

Iain Matthews will be performing in Barry on Thursday, August 10.

FOLK legend Iain Matthews is the next guest at this year's Barry Arts Festival, performing on Thursday, August 10, at Barry West End Club.

Matthews was the singer for legendary English folk band Fairport Convention in the late 1960s before forming his own band, Matthews Southern Comfort.

The band reached number one in the UK charts with a cover of Joni Mitchell's song 'Woodstock' after becoming Tony Blackburn's Radio 1 'Single of the Week'.

Still a prolific writer and performer, Matthews has released more than 20 albums, in a career lasting more than half a century in music and will be playing two sets at the West End, starting at 8pm.

Barry Arts Festival organiser, Mike Duggan, said: "It is a great honour having somebody of Iain's talent and history in music playing here.

"Tickets are selling fast, and available from the West End Club, by telephoning me on 07561 143114, or going online at the website *https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/barry-arts-festival*

He added: "We would like to thank Barry Town Council and Newydd Housing for sponsoring this year's Arts Festival events."

Time to register for Romilly Junior Parkrun

BARRY Junior Parkrun launches at 9am on Sunday, August 13, in Romilly Park.

The event is organised by a dedicated group of local volunteers and is free.

Spokesman Rhodri Thomas said: "Junior Parkrun is for those aged four to 14 years old, and is open to everyone within those ages.

"Parents and guardians are welcome to join the juniors on the 2km two lap course through beautiful Romilly Park.

"Parkruns are incredibly welcoming and friendly, and are runs – not races!

"The event is timed and marshalled by volunteers, and while some children love to try to improve their personal best time, ultimately Parkrun should be for fun, and enjoyment is the priority."

Before joining in, all junior Parkrun participants must register on *www.parkrun.org.uk*, and will need to print their unique 'parkrun barcode' and remember to bring it with them to get a time. Results are sent to each participant by email or text.

Adults who accompany children don't cross the finishing line and don't get a finishing time – it's children who are the important ones!

Rhodri added: "Parkrun is reliant on volunteers and we are always on the look-out for more people to join the team."

For more information, go to: www.parkrun.org.uk/barry-juniors/.

BARRY ISLAND TOY AND TRAIN SALE

BARRY ISLAND Station will host the annual toy and train sale on Sunday, August 6 between 10.30am and 3pm.

The sister event, Cardiff toy and train sale, will be taking place at Penarth Leisure Centre on October 7) and at Barry Leisure Centre on September 24.

Organiser Chris Dyer said this week: "Barry Island attracts a great range of traders from both sides of the Severn Bridge and a wonderful array of stock is always available."

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A message from the Show Chairman, Lynn Price

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ON behalf of the show committee, I would like to invite you to join us at the 2017 Vale of Glamorgan Show, which will be held in Fonmon Castle grounds. This will be the 245th year for the show!

I have the great honour of fulfilling the role of Chairman for the next two years, which is a great privilege. I would like to thank Mrs Liz Synan for her outstanding contribution as Chairman over the last two years and I know that Liz will continue to support the show.

I would like to welcome this year's president, Mrs Morfudd Meredith and her husband Alan. Mrs Meredith is Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, is a vice-president and council member of the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society, and has an active role on her family farm. We would like to congratulate Mrs Meredith on her election as the 2017 Show President – we hope that she has an enjoyable day.

This year's show really does have something for everyone – we have livestock, hundreds of trade stands, the shopping mall, competitive sheep shearing, craft marquee, home produce competitions, a huge dog show, and a busy programme of entertainment.

As the countryside ring programme continues to expand, we are introducing new and exciting things to the show. This year, we have the Welsh Axe Men, the Quack Pack, Gun dog demonstrations and the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service.

There will be more agricultural demonstrations this year, including some impressive machinery and the cows on tour. The programme will culminate with a polocrosse match, the hunt scurry and an 'It's A Knock Out' competition.

The Vale of Glamorgan Show is one of the biggest and best one-day shows there is. This is only made possible by the dedication and hard work of the show committee, their families and friends and the support of the sponsors, exhibitors, judges, stewards and competitors that make the day such a success.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to our general secretary, Mrs Sarah Fenner and the show director, Mr John Hanks, who have worked tirelessly to get the showground ready; without them, there would be no show.

I hope that you can join us at this year's show on Wednesday, August 9. We hope that you have an enjoyable day and that we will see you again next year!

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With more prize money than ever before, thanks to our generous sponsors, this year's show will be more exciting than ever and is not to be missed.

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***LEFT:** National riders will compete at the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show this year.*

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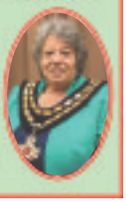

Councillor Mrs Jayne Norman Town Mayor and Town Councillors wish success to the 2017 Vale of Glamorgan Show.

Extra sheep shearing thrills for the crowds this year!

The sheep shearing again promises to be a big crowd pleaser this year.

WITH an incredible atmosphere and the noise from cheering supporters raising the roof, the shearing tent is the place to be this year!

It will be the third year of hosting the shearing match at the Vale of Glamorgan Show on Wednesday, August 9 and it will have the extra excitement of being part of the Welsh Lamb Shearing Circuit this year.

We will see plenty of competitors take the stage across all four classes, with more than 800 sheep being sheared throughout the day.

We will also see last year's winner of the open class, Matthew Evans, competing to come out on top again. Since then, Matthew has become a Guinness World Record holder in late 2016; breaking the three-stand, eight-hour record for strongwool lambs. In doing so, he added 41 extra sheep to the record which previously stood for 18 years and now stands at an impressive 1,825 sheep. Will he be able to retain his title as champion this year?

Welsh shearing team manager and shearing steward, Martyn David, said: "This is my local show and I am incredibly proud of how well the shearing has been supported in the last three years by competitors, judges and the public, who eagerly watch throughout the day.

"I am so pleased with how well the show has progressed since it restarted in 2015. The professionalism of Welsh shearing has improved tremendously over the past few years – and everyone is delighted with their achievements being showcased on so many shearing stages across Wales.

"I would like to thank the show committee, volunteers and stewards for all their support, and look forward to this year's show. We would also like to thank our kind sponsors this year; Layton Edwards Fallen Stock Services, Horner Shearing, and The British Wool Board.

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Horticulture's marquee of delights

LEFT: Which horticulture entries will win a prize this year?

THIS year's horticultural marquee plans to be overflowing with blooms of every colour and vegetables of all shapes and sizes.

We also have the pleasure of hosting a great children's section, which never ceases to amaze me with its high standard of entries.

There will be amazing miniature gardens, flower arrangements in a welly boot and, this year, I have set the challenge for a few different classes which include writing and poetry, so I'm excited to see the results.

Entries are already flooding in from far and wide and we look forward to welcoming new and old exhibitors.

Gail Wintle, Horticulture Secretary

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Home produce puts local talent on show!

A WARM welcome to those skilled people of the Vale! It's time to dust down the sewing machine, get the paint brushes out, pick the fruit, nurture the flowers and practice baking!

There is a competition for everyone, and the show committee especially wish to welcome new talent, as well as those who have supported the show over the years.

A wide and varied schedule has been put together to hopefully attract as many competitors as possible.

Our marquee at the show is a showcase for the abundance of skills enjoyed by so many. There has been a particular resurgence in cooking skills of late, probably due to the many cookery television programmes shown recently.

Craft too, has seen many new and innovative ideas and as a committee, we try hard to keep up to date with both new trends, as well as traditional skills.

There are many children's classes, split into age ranges, and also a competitive writing display from Llangan and Sully Primary Schools.

Each year we have a wonderful raffle, donated by the committee of ladies. This year, the profit from the raffle will be donated to the Ty Hafan Children's Hospice. We also have a competition for an item to be donated to a children's hospital and this year it is a baby's memory blanket.

The schedule for home produce, floral, craft and children's competitions can be found on the Vale of Glamorgan Show website, or you can obtain a schedule from Secretary, Mrs Janet Lewis, West View, Keepers Lodge Farm, Hensol, Pontyclun, CF72 8JU. Entries should be sent to Mrs Lewis by August 5.

Once again, we hope to have record entries, so why not give it a go?

Kay Bowring, Chairperson

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Getting to the Vale Show by bus is easy!

GETTING to the Vale Show by bus is an easy option this year, with pick-up points all around the Vale

Cowbridge and Llantwit Major: Buses will depart from Cowbridge Town Hall Square and the pick up points are: Cowbridge, Town Hall Square, High Street, Westgate, Llantwit Major Road (B2470), Penyrheol Terrace, Llantwit Major Road and Llantwit Major By-pass, Llantwit Major, Llanmaes Road, Le-Pouliguen Way, Llantwit Major Interchange, Boverton Road, Boverton, Eglwys Brewis Road, Eglwys Brewis, Cowbridge Road, RAF St Athan East Gate, St Athan Village, Rectory Rd, Gileston Monument, B4265, to Vale Show as traffic.management system permits. Return as above in reverse.

Departure times from Cowbridge town centre are: 9am; 10am; 11am; 12pm; 1pm; 2.30pm; 3.30pm; 4.30pm; 5.30pm.

From Barry town centre: Buses will depart from Barry via Wyndham Street, Holton Road, Civic Offices, Broad Street, Ship Gyratory, St Nicholas Rd, Park Crescent, Pontypridd Road, A4226, Porthkerry Road, Rhoose, Fontygary Road, East Aberthaw to Vale Show as traffic.management system permits. Return as above in reverse except in Barry via Gladstone Road and Court Road to Wyndham Street.

Departure times from Barry town centre are: 9am; 10am; 11am; 12pm; 1pm; 2.30pm; 3.30pm; 4.30pm; 5.30pm.

Penarth and Dinas Powys: Buses will depart from Cogan, Windsor Road, Penarth, Windsor Arcade, Stanwell Road, Cefn Mably, Redlands Road, Eastbrook Road, Eastbrook, Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys, Cardiff Road (A4055), Barry Dock Link Road (A4231), Barry, Port Rd East, Port Rd West, A4226, B4265 to Vale Show as traffic.management system permits.

Return as above in reverse between show ground and Eastbrook then direct to Cogan via Barry Road and Barons Court junction then follows the outbound route through Penarth.

Departure times from Penarth are: 8.30am; 10.15am; 12pm; 1.45pm, 3.30pm; 5.05pm.

Cardiff Airport (Rhoose). There will also be a service from Rhoose Railway Station at Cardiff Airport. This will run hourly between 8.15am and 5.15pm.

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The bus timetables for the day can be viewed on *http://valeofglamorganshow.co.uk/visitors/buses/*

Vale Farmers' Market: The Food Court says *Croeso!*

RIGHT: Plenty of choice for everyone at the Food Court.

THE Vale Farmers' Market Food Court will once again be the must-see destination on the show field, especially for families.

As well as offering cooked food, drinks and a wide range of artisan produce to buy, there will be play activities delivered by the Vale of Glamorgan Play development team.

Ample seating, in the form of hay bales, will be available, so you can sit or browse the huge range of produce, while the children enjoy the numerous activities.

To whet your appetites while the children play, there will be pork rolls, lamb burgers, beef rolls, vegetarian food, duck burgers and speciality sausages – as well as tea, coffee, elderflower cordial and ice cream. Add to that, artisan cheeses, charcuterie, preserves, local cider, beer, gin, whiskey and liqueurs, hedgerow wines, cakes, brownies, flapjacks, shortbread, fudge, marshmallows, sourdough bread, veg boxes, herb-infused vinegars, oils, vegan pies, pork pies, and sausage rolls...

It's safe to say there will be something for everyone!

Every producer is from within Wales, and the majority are within 50 miles of the show field.

So, when you have watched the main ring attractions, admired the giant veg, and marvelled at the huge varieties of poultry, make your way to the Food Court for a sit down and a bite to eat.

The producers look forward to welcoming you all to the Food Court!

Poultry at the Vale Show

DESPITE the last six months of bird-flu being a tricky one for the poultry sector, there's no limit to chickens on display at this year's Vale of Glamorgan Show.

Showcasing some of the country's finest specimens, judges will be inspecting feather quality, scale condition and comb colour, to promote one lucky bird with the prize of best in show. The ever-popular egg classes will also take a strong position in the section, with classes for white, brown and other colour eggs, along with the 'the weirdest and most wonderful' shaped egg.

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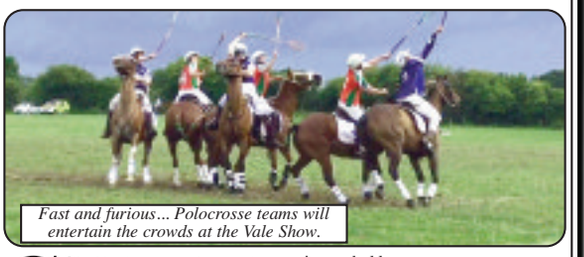
You never know what you will find at the Vale Show. Young Joe Baker from Llantwit Major was helping out at The GEM's stall when he was joined by Place For Homes' friendly hippo!

The Vale Show's Polocrosse debut!



Fast and furious... Polocrosse teams will entertain the crowds at the Vale Show.

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Something for everyone at the Vale Show!

I WOULD like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to attend this year's Vale of Glamorgan Show – and to wish all of the organisers, competitors and exhibitors the very best of luck.

I may be more than a little biased when I say this, but I firmly believe it is Wales' best one-day agricultural show, and there is certainly something for everyone.

I always look forward to the Show, and last year I had the honour of serving as president, so I really got to see all of the hard work that goes into making it a success.

I would like to wish the very best to my successor, Mrs Morfudd Meredith, who I am sure will enjoy the role as much as I did.

So let's hope the weather treats us well and we once again all have a fantastic day at Fonmon Castle on Wednesday, August 9.

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	2/Fonmon Road, Ffwl-y-mwn. Cau'r ffordd gerbydau tua'r gogledd i'r holl draffig o groesffyrdd Ffwl-y-mwn yng ngrid 304806 167180 i'r gyffordd yng ngrid 305056 167844 Nurston Road **Gwyriad** Caiff traffig tua'r gogledd ei ddargyfeirio ar gyfer Port Road i'r Blue Anchor, i'r gogledd drwy Burton Terrace a Phont Burton, ac yna tua'r dwyrain ar hyd y B4265.	6.00 am i 2.00 pm

Bydd Arwyddion i'r Gwyriad yn cael eu gosod
Dyddiedig 3 Awst 2017

M. E. Punter
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, The Alps, Gwenfô CF5 6AA

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER, SECTION 16A
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
VALE OF GLAMORGAN SHOW
Wednesday 9th August 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

WHEREAS during certain hours of the day and date specified in column 1 of Schedule 1 hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedule will be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulation shall be observed:-

THAT, except as provided by the order, use, by all vehicular traffic, including pedal cycles but with the exception of Emergency Services Vehicles, of the said streets or parts thereof shall be restricted between the hours specified in column 3 of the said schedule.

The penalty for infringement of the said regulation is a fine not exceeding £1000.00.

SCHEDULE

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3
Wednesday 9th August 2017	**1/Vale of Glamorgan Showground Main Access at Fonmon Castle grounds.** No right turn from the main field access/exit at grid 303747 167876 onto the B4265, this will allow only the left turn movement of vehicles from the access / exit onto the B4265. **Diversion** The diversion for West bound vehicles will be in a generally easterly direction along the B4265 to the roundabout at Penmark, then "U Turning" at this roundabout and travelling back along the B4265	6.00 am to 8.00 pm
	2/Fonmon Road, Fonmon. North bound carriageway closed to all traffic from Fonmon crossroads at grid 304806 167180 to its junction at grid 305056 167844 Nurston Road **Diversion** Northbound traffic will be diverted west along Port Road to the Blue Anchor, north through Burton Terrace and Burton Bridge, then in an easterly direction along the B4265.	6.00 am to 2.00 pm

Local Signed Diversions shall be in place
Dated this 3rd day of August 2017

M. E. Punter, Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council
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Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 9TH, 2017 • FONMON CASTLE

COME AND MEET TY LLANDAFF AT THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN SHOW!

A Cardiff care home will be exhibiting at this year's Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show at Fonmon Castle Park.

Staff from Tŷ Llandaff, a residential, nursing and respite care home in Pontcanna, will join some 200 other trade stands attending the popular event near Cardiff Airport at Rhoose next Wednesday (August 9), which draws around 20,000 visitors each year.

The show was created by The Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Society, a charity which promotes best practice in the agricultural industry.

Beginning in 1772, farmers would meet and compete in annual produce and livestock competitions.

Nowadays, the show sees exhibitors from a vast variety of backgrounds promoting their products and services – from renewable energy to hand made crafts.

Janice Evans, care home manager at Tŷ Llandaff, said: "We are so pleased to be attending this year's Vale of Glamorgan Show.

"It is the event of the year in our area and sees a fantastic number of people pass through its gates.

"As well as promoting the good work we do at the care home, including insight into our exceptional facilities and outstanding levels of care, above all, we see it as the perfect opportunity to chat to people face-to-face.

"Our professional and experienced management team will be manning the stand throughout the event, giving anyone who may be interested in visiting Tŷ Llandaff, either for themselves or for a relative, the opportunity to ask any specific questions that they may have or just pick up a brochure.

"We are all really looking forward to the day."

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Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 9TH, 2017 • FONMON CASTLE

WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

On show, Welsh agriculture and local produce at its best!

AUGUST is upon us and agricultural shows are being held in rural communities across Wales.

It gives me great pleasure, as President of the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show 2017, to welcome you to the Show on Wednesday, August 9.

The Vale Show, which regularly attracts over 20,000 people, was first held some 245 years ago in Cowbridge; it is now held on a magnificent site at Fonmon, and, happily, continues to flourish.

I had the privilege of growing up on a family farm in north Wales and I have fond memories of our local county agricultural show, which was always great fun – and one of the highlights of my summer holidays.

It was only natural when I moved to live in the Vale of Glamorgan, that the Vale Show became a firm fixture in the calendar for us as a family, and we felt very much at home.

I am delighted that the Vale Show continues to thrive and evolve. It is a showcase for the very best of agriculture in the Vale of Glamorgan; a wonderful family day out, and an excellent opportunity to build bridges between town and country.

There are classes for horses, sheep, cattle, poultry and dogs, and you will see prize-winning animals during the Grand Parade in the main ring at 3pm. There will also be a chance to learn about farming and the origins of our food in the 'Farming in the Vale' marquee.

There will be milking demonstrations, calf feeding and a chance to ask questions of our local farmers from the 'Cows on Tour' team and our young farmers.

There are additional exciting attractions for visitors each year. There will be farming demonstrations, Polocrosse demonstrations, gun dog demonstrations, vintage tractors, an Army climbing wall – and the famous Quack Pack will be entertaining us.

In addition to the livestock exhibits, there will be horticultural, home produce and crafts areas, competitions for children, show jumping, dog shows, wool fleece competitions, beekeeping – and many other attractions.

There is alao a new picnic and play zone, a Punch and Judy Show and a fairground to keep the youngsters occupied.

There are over 200 trade stands selling a wide variety of goods, and you will have the chance to buy and enjoy delicious local produce in the Farmers' Market Food Court.

It has been a year of planning and hard work by many people to ensure a successful and productive show.

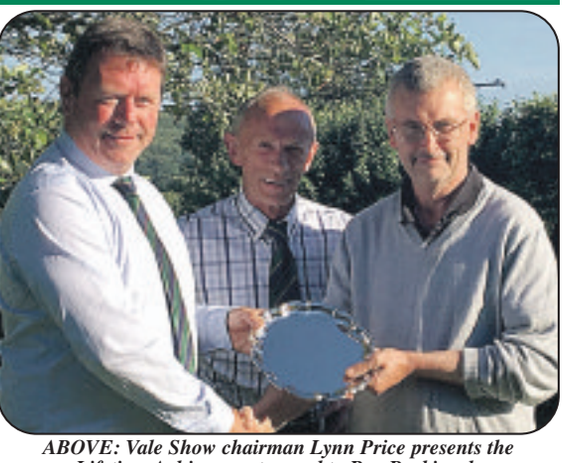
I should like to thank the organising show committee members, especially John Hanks, show director, Lynn Price, show chairman, Sarah Fenner, show secretary, and the stalwart team of volunteers and stewards for their goodwill and sterling work; the sponsors whose contributions are greatly appreciated, and all important for the show's financial viability, the vast number of exhibitors – and, very importantly – all the visitors for attending the Vale Show.

Thanks also go to the Vale of Glamorgan Council, South Wales Police, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, Army and RAF Cadets, YFC, British Red Cross and other organisations, for their support in ensuring a safe and smooth-running show.

Please come along to support the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show 2017 and enjoy Welsh agriculture and local produce at its best.

I look forward to meeting many of you at the showground and I hope that you have a wonderful day.

MORFUDD MEREDITH
Vale Show President



ABOVE: Vale Show chairman Lynn Price presents the Lifetime Achievement award to Roy Beckinsale.

Award celebrates Roy's 45 years in farming

THIS year, the Vale Show Committee was delighted to present the '2017 Lifetime Achievement Award' to Mr Roy Beckinsale

Roy closed the dairy door after a routine evening milking and was surprised to find a group of family, local farmers and the Vale Show Committee waiting to greet him.

The chairman, Mr Lynn Price, presented Roy with his award.

Roy spent most of his time at a young age with his grandparents at Witton Rosser Farm. He left school at 15 to continue working locally and in 1976 married Rose .

Roy has a family that he is very proud of – children Miriam and John and five grandchildren

Roy's day starts early with 5am morning milkings. His day is then filled with more milkings and additional farm work where he can fit it in!

Weekends are no different.

Having worked for 45 years within the farming industry, Roy has gained a huge knowledge and understanding that does not happen without hard work and commitment, all of which is much respected by the farmers Roy works with.

He has contributed greatly towards the continuation and growth of the progressive, positive agriculture industry in the Vale of Glamorgan today.

Thank you Roy.

Come along to the craft fair!

THE craft fair, now in its 39th year, will have a large variety of items for sale, guaranteed to be locally-made and of excellent quality.

The choices vary from woodwork, beautiful jewellery, leather work, walking sticks, drift wood, and pewter, to slate work, toys, and pottery, to name but a few.

The ladies will be able to stock up again with the Cardiganshire bee products i.e. varieties of honey facial and hand creams. There will be something for everyone to choose from.

Do come along and enjoy the atmosphere of this superb display, whilst also meeting friends.

The craft marquee will be open at 10am and will close at 6pm.

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Vale dog show is a very special event

THE Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show is almost here once again.

Dog exhibitors look forward to this prestigious show every year as it is something special in the annual calendar.

It is held at a superb venue, has respected judges both from the UK and overseas, and also hosts one of the qualifying heats for the 'Junior Warrant of the Year' competition on behalf of the Kennel Club.

In addition, the exhibitors have the added bonus of access to the remainder of the show with horticulture, crafts, a food hall, shopping mall, individual stalls – and, of course, all sorts of livestock.

The show mirrors life in the rural community and is a great day out for the family. Also, everyone is guaranteed a warm welcome.

The dog section this year again has a numerically large entry, with the Best in Show judge making a special visit from Slovakia.

In addition, an eminent judge from the USA is officiating in the Working Group ring. When you visit, if you have any questions you would like answered please feel free to come and ask and we will do our best to resolve it for you.

The majority of pedigree breeds will be on display – from chihuahuas to Irish Wolfhounds – so please come and visit us.

Peter Pask
Dog Show Secretary

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'Impossible!' Residents say not enough time to respond on consultation

by GEM REPORTER
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PEOPLE living in Barry have been given a new opportunity to have their say on an application from Biomass UK No. 2 Ltd to operate an energy plant at the docks, but one resident has told The GEM more time is needed for people to digest such a lengthy and complex document.

The deadline for responses is Monday, August 28.

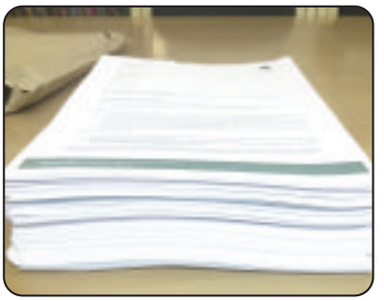
Matthew Lock, a supporter of the Docks Incinerator Action Group, told The GEM: "The image shows the scale of the problem.

"The latest NRW consultation document available at Barry Library is 1,044 pages long.

"Not only is it a massive task to read, it's not bound or filed in a folder in any way. Every page is loose and could easily be lost, removed, damaged or just be put back in the wrong order.

"It's also very technical and impossible to understand. It is also available at the Barry Town Council offices, where we were told an appointment would be required.

"I don't know how many pages the average resident of Barry might be able to get through in a day, but for even one resident out of the 55,000 people to read this and to understand this, and to respond to it within 27 days, is impossible."



The loose-leafed document at Barry Library.

Matthew added: "This is not a consultation. This is not public engagement. It is an insult to every person living in this town. This shows what an impossible task it is."

Nadia De Longhi, the operations manager for Natural Resources Wales explained that the length of the document was because NRW wanted to provide all the relevant information and wanted the process to be transparent.

She said: "We want to make sure we provide enough time for people to respond to our consultation, while at the same time keeping within our legal obligations for dealing with the application.

"We understand that applications like this are highly technical, and that is why we are working closely with the DIAG group to make sure they fully understand the new information we have received.

"For transparency, we decided to share the latest information in its entirely but we recognise that the volume and content is not easy to digest. We are confident that the DIAG group will raise any relevant issues to our attention on behalf of the community."

She added: "Of course, if we do decide to grant a permit to the company, there will also be a further consultation on our 'draft' decision, and an opportunity for people to submit any new information or evidence which they think we haven't considered."

Marathon run MP hands over £5,000 cheque to Vale charity

MP Alun Cairns hands over the cheque to his chosen charity.

THE Barry branch of Age Connects, including the Friends and Neighbours group, recently received a cheque for over £5,000 from Vale MP Alun Cairns.

Mr Cairns raised the sum during this year's London Marathon, when he was joined by 400,000 runners on the streets of the capital for the sixth time, and completed the 26.2 mile course in 3 hours, 36 minutes.

Age Connects and Friends and Neighbours, provide services and support to thousands of elderly members of the community and help reduce the fears of isolation and loneliness, which can be common in old age.

Handing over the cheque, Mr Cairns commented: "Despite the limited time I had to train for the Marathon this year, knowing I was running for Age Connects – a truly deserving charity – made me all the more determined to push on to the finish line.

"The actions, big and small, carried out by the charity and its volunteers have a priceless impact on Barry's elderly community.

Age Connects' Gay Fifield, said: "We were overwhelmed to be chosen as one of Alun's charities for this year's London Marathon. The figure he raised was far beyond our expectations and both Age Connects and Friends and Neighbours will benefit significantly."

AM MEETS BRAINY FRIENDS

Steve Ryan, Debbie Williams, Debbie Rego, Pat Derbyshire, John Cook, Mark Hampson and Jan Hampson with Jane Hutt AM (right, seated).

ON July 11 Vale AM Jane Hutt welcomed Jan Hampson from Dinas Powys and her social group 'Brainy Friends' to the Senedd.

The group, which was set up by Jan, offers support for those affected by brain injury and the group holds monthly trips across south east Wales.

Ms Hutt said that she had also learnt more about the work of the brain injury charity Headway.

GEM ADVERTISEMENT FEATURE

In Business Update

Great week for Samantha B!

WELL, what a week it's been at Samantha B!

We ladies love a bargain, and you can't go wrong with prices from £3 for a t-shirt, or £10 for a pair of great quality trousers! The 80 per cent sale still continues with many bargains to be had, lovely linen and jeans from Olsen and Bianca, prices from only £20.

The barn sale has been incredibly popular, we have decided to run it into next week too, so call in and see if you can pick up Poppy tops and other fantastic bargains from only £1!

Thursday, 10am-5pm, Friday 10am-1pm, Saturday 10am-5pm and Tuesday-Friday 10am-5pm.

We have just received the ever-popular Marble jeans for this season - don't miss out on these. Also there's fabulous Marble knitwear and some lovely Olsen pieces too.

We have only had new stock for a week and already have sold out of four different styles.

If you are looking for lovely quality clothes at great prices, call in and see what's on offer, and receive 10 per cent off.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all customers for the birthday wishes – all the cards, flowers and cakes were gratefully received!

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Probate disputes and challenges to Wills are becoming a growth area, which often leads to substantial costs.

We now live in a world where family relationships are often very complex, and expert advice regarding the drafting of a Will is essential.

A professional advisor can also advise you in relation to inheritance tax, and how you plan to minimise potential liabilities to inheritance tax

It is important that people are fully aware of their duties and financial responsibilities when they make a Will, to ensure that they comply with the technicalities that are required to have a valid Will.

The cost of a professionally-drafted Will, after taking advice, is considerably less than the costs that can be incurred if there is a dispute regarding your financial affairs after your death.

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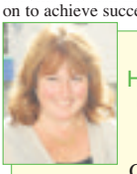

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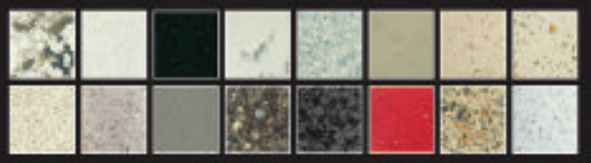

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GLASTONBARRY FESTIVAL ROCKS ROMILLY PARK AROUND THE CLOCK

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THE hugely-popular GlastonBARRY Festival this year featured an impressive 'Big Top' in Romilly Park.

Bands recreated the sounds of a host of top names and over 8,000 people attended the weekend – some had come from as far away as Beijing!

Photographer Andy Wicks was on hand to record the enthusiastic fans having a great time at the Vale festival.

Rotary youth exchange students are introduced to Welsh culture

The exchange students, Rotary hosts, and Dinas Powys Rotarians.

THE Dinas Powys Rotary Club recently welcomed 16 international exchange students to Cardiff Bay Yacht Club – for a meal of typical Welsh fare.

The Rotary International Youth Exchange programme provides an opportunity for overseas students to discover Wales and Welsh culture. This year, they were from as far away as Taiwan, India and California, as well as most European neighbours.

The Welsh summer camp is a two-week event organised by Rotary District and supported by a host of local Rotary clubs and essential volunteers.

The students had a full itinerary, which included visiting the Senedd, St Fagans, Big Pit, the Royal Mint, and cultural and industrial sites in Newport and Swansea.

There was also time to relax with a Powerboat trip in Cardiff Bay, visits to Dan-yr-Ogof, Porthcawl, the Glamorgan Cricket Club, Cardiff Castle and the Storey Arms Brecon Beacons activity centre, for a day of outdoor activities.

Thanks went to Allan Cook for sharing his knowledge of Welsh history and for his guided tour around St Fagans and the city centre, and to Jim the minibus driver on the camp.

Thanks also went to the Swalec Stadium staff, who explained the finer points of cricket at a short training session.

Hunt for the cruel person who used a crossbow to fire at ducks

POLICE have launched an investigation in an attempt to track down the person responsible for firing crossbow bolts at ducks in Cosmeston Park.

One bird has been taken away for treatment, and local rangers are trying to catch another one requiring help.

Coun Jonathan Bird, Vale Council cabinet member for regeneration and planning, said: "This is one of two recent incidents at Cosmeston Lakes Country Park in which ducks have been shot with bolts believed to have been fired from a crossbow.

"A male mallard with a crossbow bolt through its leg has been handed over to swan rescue, while the incidents have been reported to the police and RSPB.

"Rangers at the park will continue attempts to catch the female bird in an effort to ensure it also receives treatment for its injury.

"Shooting wildlife at the park with bolts is cruel and senseless and we will not hesitate to take criminal action against anyone responsible for such behaviour."

• ***If anyone has information relating to either incident, they can contact local police on 101; or telephone Crimestopppers, free and anonymously, on 0800 555 111.***

Valeways walks

ON Wednesday, August 9, at 10.30am, the Barry coffee shop strollers meet at Romilly Cafe, Cold Knap, Barry.

Also on August 9, the Cowbridge coffee shop strollers meet at the Physic Garden Fountain at 2.30pm.

On Thursday, August 10, the secondary breast cancer strollers meet outside the visitor centre at Cosmeston Country Park at 10.30am.

WELLBEING WEBSITE IS LAUNCHED IN THE VALE

DEWIS CYMRU, a one-stop online directory for wellbeing in Wales, has been launched in the Vale, with support from the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

The website allows users to access information on services in areas such as health, care, benefits, money management, clubs, activities and family support.

Visitors to the website *www.dewis.wales* can select the category they are interested in and a range of advice and links to services is available.

Alternatively, it is possible to search by location to find a particular service in a specific area.

The directory covers the whole of Wales and there are already 1,200 wellbeing resources registered on it for Cardiff and the Vale – and almost 5,000 for the country as a whole.

Created to incorporate the new Social Services and Well Being Wales Act, Dewis Cymru aims to make information about services and support easily accessible to the people who need it.

Coun Gordon Kemp, cabinet member for social care, health and leisure, said: "This is a fantastic resource for people in the Vale looking for information on any number of subjects related to wellbeing."

Colour the Coach drawing competition – *new deadline*

National Express is extending the deadline for its children's drawing competition, which gives local youngsters the chance to see their design on the side of a coach.

As the school holidays get under way, the national transport company is giving children an extra two weeks to send in drawings of their favourite local landmarks, as part of the Colour the Coach competition.

Illustrator Alison Lodge, who is judging entries on behalf of National Express, urged youngsters to get creative over the next two weeks and enter the competition.

She said: "This is a superb opportunity for local kids to get creative and show off their talent, I'm looking for bold colourful designs of well known Welsh landmarks.

"With the deadline now extended – now is the time to brush off your brushes and draw your favourite landmark – you never know, it could end up on the side of a coach!"

National Express Coach managing director Chris Hardy said: "This competition is a great opportunity for mini Monets to put brush to canvas and send us their best landmark drawings with the chance to see their creation hit the road. We are encouraging all kids to pick up their pens and have a go at Colour the Coach."

'Colour the Coach' is open to children aged five to 15 who should simply draw their favourite local landmark on an A4 sheet of paper, using whatever drawing materials they prefer.

Entries to the competition must be landscape designs on A4 paper with: name, address, age, phone number and email address, written on the back. They should be sent to National Express Coach Art Competition, National Express House, Mill Lane, Birmingham, B5 6DD

• ***The deadline for entries is Tuesday, August 15.***

The anniversary cake.

Friends and Neighbours celebrate 10th anniversary

Friends and Neighbours celebrated their 10th anniversary in style with an amazing party at Beryl Road Pioneer Hall in Barry.

The party started with a minute's silence for members past and those who couldn't be at the party due to illness.

There were some 75 members, including volunteers and a DVD was shown that had been put together by Andrea, one of the volunteers, with a voice-over by Chris Keegan, Andrea's son

The DVD was a trip down memory lane with photos of members past and present and video footage of trips, parties and meetings.

Lots of little clips triggered laughter from the members and a few tears as well. The DVD was well received by all in the room

A vote of thanks was given to Coun Nic Hodges, the Barry Town Mayor, and Coun Janice Charles, the Vale of Glamorgan Mayor – and also to Anthony Price of Barry Round Table, and Ann Hughes and Jane Lamey from Barry Rotary Club.

Community champions from Morrison's and Asda also attended the event. A superb buffet was enjoyed by all, including Pimms and squash.

Entertainment was provided by Bobby Newman, a local singer and guitarist, who had them all dancing away, including the Mayors, who both said they had enjoyed themselves immensely.

Norah Kinchen. Friends and Neighbours' longest standing member, was presented with a bouquet of flowers which she was so chuffed with.

Norah was asked to blow the candles out on the cake, and all the members were given a piece, along with a cup of tea or coffee.

Gay Fifield then gave a vote of thanks to all the members and volunteers for all their support. **GF**

Celtic Way open day

THANKS go to everyone who braved the rain on Sunday, July 23, to attend the Celtic Way Community Association open day.

The Mayor came along and opened the event in the hall, as it was so wet. The children were thrilled to be able to have photographs taken wearing her chain of office!

When the weather cleared, the outdoor activities took place, with the Airport fire engine and crew giving a brilliant display. There was a bouncy castle, a police emergency car, and a roundabout for the children, as well as refreshments and stalls.

The Vale School of Dance also presented a display.Thanks go to Rhoose Bowling Club, who provided tuition and the use of their facilities.

A wonderful day was had by all.

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GVS VOLUNTEERS

GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS) provides support to community groups and people who would like to volunteer to help in the area.

GVS has produced a short video highlighting its work, which is available through the Facebook, Twitter or web link: vimeo.com/180309260

If you would like to benefit from its help, contact Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) on 01446 741706, or e-mail: enquiries@gvs.wales. Website: www.gvs.wales.

Councillors' surgery

LABOUR Vale and town councillors for Gibbonsdown and Court wards, Julie Aviet, Margaret Wilkinson, Jack Hawkins, Bronwen Brooks and Sandra Perkes will be holding an advice surgery on Saturday, August 5 in the Jenner Suite, Barry Football Club, Barry Road from 10am until 11am.

No appointment is necessary.

CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

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DYDD SADWRN 12 AWST 2017

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ATODLEN

Colofn 1	Colofn 2	Colofn 3
Dydd Sadwrn 12 Awst 2017	**Stryd Fawr** rhwng Market Street ac East Street **Island Road** rhwng Broad Street a Heol-y-Frenhines	Rhwng 7.30am a 6.30pm.

Bydd Gwyriadau Lleol ag Arwyddion ar waith ar hyd Heol-y-Frenhines, Market Street a Broad Street

Dyddiedig 3 Awst 2017

M. E. Punter
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg
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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER, SECTIONS 16A
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

HIGH STREET BARRY SUMMER FETE

SATURDAY 12th AUGUST 2017

Order Under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
For the prevention of obstruction etc

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

WHEREAS during certain hours of the day and date specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedule will

Be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Sections 16A and 16(B)(6)(b) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulation shall be observed:-

THAT, except as provided by the order, the said streets or parts thereof shall be closed to all vehicular traffic, including pedal cycles, with the exception of Emergency Services Vehicles between the hours specified in column 3 of the said schedule. The penalty for infringement of the said regulation is a fine not exceeding £1000.00

SCHEDULE

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Saturday 12th August 2017	**High Street** between Market Street and East Street, **Island Road** between Broad Street and Queen Street	Between 7.30am and 6.30pm.

Local Signed Diversions shall be in place via Queen Street, Market Street and Broad Street

Dated this 3rd day of August 2017

M. E. Punter
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council
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OUT AND ABOUT WITH THE VALE PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

Proof that the weather need not spoil your day!

'Choosing Today's Mood'

HAVING roasted the previous week, this week has been wet, windy and rather depressing – such is the British summer and not the sort of day to even think of taking the camera out.

As you can see from one of the pictures, 'London Rain' by Nick Craddock, this is most definitely not the case. Stunning pictures can be created if we look hard enough to see them.

Or you could follow Bridgett Craddock's example 'Choosing today's mood' and go into the studio. Who's got a studio? Well, it's amazing the transformation that a white sheet or black curtain can make to a room.

Light from a window, a table-lamp, an angle-poise, or the flash on your phone camera, can create your own light.

There's always the summer holiday, like Mike Davies' picture of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Opera House, 'Concerted effort', taken in the summer six months ago, down under.

'The Girl in the Spotty Dress' is a book about the life of a dancer, Pat Stewart, in the 1950s who lived her final years in the Vale. She became something of a celebrity after publication of a photograph taken on the pier at Blackpool by Bert Hardy, a professional photographer.

He used a 'Box Brownie', a very modest, affordable camera that you could buy from a chemist's shop. A basic camera; you pressed the button and hoped that it would 'turn out', not all did. The idea was to inspire people by showing what a simple camera could do.

Compared to pictures taken with a Box Brownie, most people's mobile phones produce amazing pictures. So, take your pictures, join the Vale Photographic Club and show them to other enthusiasts.

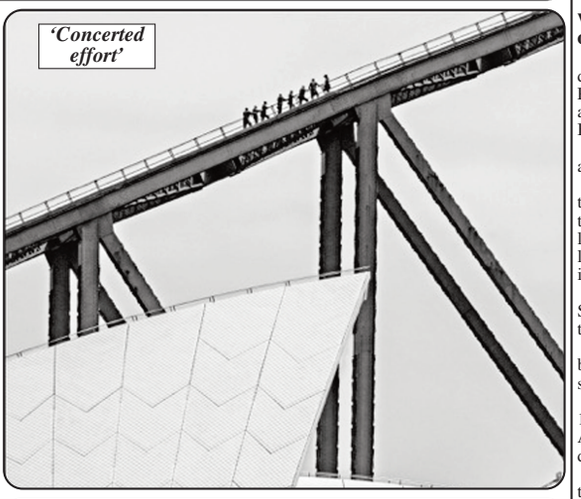
You will see, despite there being no meetings in July and August, that there is plenty going on; the Weekly Challenge produces some very interesting pictures and we'll be at The Vale Show in Fonmon Castle on August 9.

Just look for our 'feather' floating in the breeze, view the exhibition of members' pictures and have a chat with one of the members of the club. We pride ourselves on being the 'friendliest club in south Wales'.

Take a look at our website: http://www.vale-photographic-club.co.uk. We're also on Twitter@Vale Photo Club.

The club meets at Ystradowen Hall at 7.30pm on Friday evenings from September 8 and beginners, intermediate and experienced photographers are all very welcome, so why not pay us a visit?

TONY TARLTON



'Concerted effort'

'London Rain'

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Valeways walkers at Near Hearkening rock, one of four stones visited on the walk.

Valeways walkers on the trail of landmark stones

THE rain and thunder forecast by the Valeways' president did not deter several walkers from joining John for a nine-mile outing away from home territory.

They met at Symonds Yat Rock car park, before descending steeply through woodlands to reach the River Wye. Here they followed the old railway line, a victim of the Beeching axe, to reach Biblins Bridge.

On the way, they passed a canoe slalom course and watched swans dabbling in the river.

They left the river behind to climb steeply out of the valley, passing the nature reserve and going through woods to arrive at Near Hearkening rock, a large mass of conglomerate sandstone, said to be a listening post for game keepers of old, who thought its concave face helped them hear poachers.

The party dropped down the hill, passing the Suck Stone and on reaching the gravel track, turned south towards the village of Staunton.

The White Horse Inn was only 100 yards away, but before enjoying its hospitality, there was another stone to visit – the Buck stone.

This stone used to rock until it was vandalised in 1883, but still commands superb views across to Abergavenny and beyond. It was a short walk downhill to the pub for a lunch break.

Now came the hardest part of the walk – leaving the pub! The walk continued through Blake's wood,to reach the last of the four large stones – the Long Stone said to be the meeting point of forest tribes.

They walked through Marian's Enclosure (named after Maid Marian) towards Berry Hill, before heading north through Ellis Reddings Wood and back to the car park.

For information on Valeways' free guided walks, visit www.valeways.org.uk.

Vale Mayor has some invincible health visitors!

Pictured, left to right: Rhian Gibbon, Mayor Janice Charles, and Pauline Crooke.

VALE MAYOR Coun Janice Charles was delighted to welcome two health visitors from the Vale Council's Flying Start programme to the parlour.

Pauline Crooke and Rhian Gibbon took part in NVNCBL – an obstacle course race at Margam Park. More obstacle course than race, it was a test of stamina, fitness and tolerance of mud!

They raised £156 for the Mayor's charity, Baby Basics, and commented that: "It was a challenge, but good fun with a great atmosphere, and we are glad that we did it!"

The Mayor said: "I can't praise Pauline and Rhian enough for their support – and I know that Baby Basics will BE very grateful indeed."

More information about the Mayor's charities can be found at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Join Ty Hafan's 'Army of Angels'

Peter and Connor Russ with family at Tŷ Hafan

A father whose son was supported by Tŷ Hafan as a child, is calling for more cyclists to join an 'Army of Angels' to raise money for the charity.

Peter Russ's son Connor attended the children's hospice at Sully until he reached the age of 18. Although the family no longer attend the hospice for short breaks, Peter volunteers as a sweeper marshal for the Taff Trail event.

Peter said: "Even though my son Connor now no longer uses Tŷ Hafan, as he has reached adulthood, they still provide support to his brother, myself and his mother.

"We feel a part of the Tŷ Hafan family as it has helped us tremendously over the years to deal with our son's problems.

"Tŷ Hafan is a focal point for the public to show their support for families like mine, and through events like the Taff Trail they raise much-needed funds.

"This is why I enjoy helping and supporting those people who give up their precious family time by entering events like this.

"It gives me great pride to think of all those who enter as an army of Tŷ Hafan Angels, who give their time and money to help show all those young children and families that they are loved and have a place to turn to when it is needed."

The Taff Trail Cycle Challenge spins off on September 3, with teams of four taking on either the 79km or 41km route.

Events manager Jodie Harris said: "Every year this is a sell-out event, so gather your team together quickly to register! Places are allocated on a strictly first-come, first-served basis.

"As you ride each mile, please know that you are helping us to raise the £4.3million annual running costs of our children's hospice, which enables us to provide our services to children and families from across Wales."

For more information, visit www.thetafftrail.co.uk or www.tyhafan.org

OVER 8,000 DESCEND ON ROMILLY PARK FOR THE GLASTONBARRY FESTIVAL

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(to order images: 07887 670 010)

Ross and Matt of Mack Events, who organised the tribute festival.

GLASTONBARRY at Romilly Park, proved a big hit with the thousands of people attending over the weekend. The event is now regarded as one of the UK's top tribute festivals.

Photographer JODIE REDBOURN caught some of the key moments.

Plaid questions 'underspend' on housing support

PLAID Cymru councillor Ian Johnson has criticised the Vale of Glamorgan Council, after its annual accounts showed an underspend of £740,000 on funding intended for the county's poorest families.

The council told The GEM it encouraged people to come forward if they need help.

The council's 2016-17 accounts, when the council was run by Labour, were debated at the council's corporate performance and resources committee meeting, where Coun Johnson drew attention to the underspend of £193,000 on 'discretionary housing payments'; and more than half a million pounds (£547,000) on 'council tax reduction', after what council reports describe as "a lower than anticipated take-up" of the benefits.

Coun Johnson said: "Discretionary housing payments and the council tax reduction scheme are aimed at families in the Vale in the most difficult circumstances, so it shocks me that nearly three-quarters of a million pounds went back into the Vale's reserves, rather than supporting families in need.

"We hear daily about rising use of foodbanks and the growth of in-work poverty, so I cannot understand why a Labour-run council did not do more to direct this money to families – either through helping more people to apply or widening the criteria where possible. With 770 Vale families still paying the cruel and unnecessary bedroom tax and the number of families affected by the benefit cap trebled, due to nasty Tory welfare changes, this is money that could make the difference between eating and heating for many people."

Coun Andrew Parker, Vale Council cabinet member for housing and building services, explained that money for housing support is allocated following an application process and it is only possible to assist those that ask for help.

He added: "The council would urge anyone who believes they, or someone they know, may be eligible for either payment, and has not yet applied, to contact the benefits department, who will assist them.

"The council has paid out nearly £10 million as part of the council tax reduction scheme, helping households on low incomes meet council tax payments.

"We also endeavour to respond positively to requests for discretionary housing payments and the Vale was recently ranked as the fourth best performing authority in Wales in this area by Shelter Cymru.

"The entirety of the £233,606 grant received from the Department of Work and Pensions for discretionary housing payments has been allocated, while the council has spent £28,586 from its own resources to help those on low incomes pay their rent."

Pupils join together for Barry dance project

An aerial view of the pupils performing in Alexandra Gardens.

Motion Control Dance of Barry have recently been busy working with schools in the town on an open air dance project.

The 'Big Barry Dance' was a creative collaboration between Motion Control Dance, Bryn Hafren, Cadoxton, Jenner Park, Oakfield and High Street Primary schools.

It was funded by the Arts Council of Wales with the aim of getting students involved in physical activity over a two-week period.

The schools came together to share their experience in a large performance with a 'Big Barry Dance'.

Emma Mallam, of Motion Control, said: "Barry Town Council supported the project and the Town Mayor, Coun Nic Hodges, came to see the performance at Alexandra Gardens and was blown away with High Street Primary's performance.

"He could not believe what was achieved in just two weeks!"

Emma said the idea was to widen the students' horizons and improve their self-esteem by performing to a large audience of adults and their peers.

She added that through movement, students understood mood, expression and emotions, as well as numerical and spatial concepts.

She said: "The project was a huge success in each school, with all the year-6 girls performing their piece alongside Bryn Hafren dance club on their transition day, to make them feel part of their new school."

One Jenner Park student, aged 10, said: "The dance was epic and I want to do another one because it was so exciting."

An eight-year-old High Street Primary pupil said: "The best dance I have ever done in my life. I hope I can do it again. Thank you for coming to High Street Primary."

A Bryn Hafren girl, aged 12, said: "I really enjoyed making the year-6 girls feel special by performing with them on their transition day."

Mr Jones, a year-6 teacher at Jenner Park Primary, said: "I just wanted to say a huge thank you for your time, energy and enthusiasm in delivering your outstanding Transition Dance Programme at Jenner Park.

"During the rehearsal period, I saw a massive improvement in our pupils' confidence, both in the dance sessions themselves and in their approach to other areas, for example P.E.

"As for the performance itself, I was blown away by the standard and skill levels you helped our pupils reach."

Emma Mallam concluded: "Motion Control Dance would like to thank ACW, Barrry Town Council, Vale Youth Service and all the staff, students and parents at the schools we visited for making our project a truly wonderful experience for all."

The Bodies in Motion project can be booked for schools and can cover all aspects of the curriculum - for more information please contact info@motioncontroldance.com

Dinas Powys Rotary Club's parting gift of Dictionaries 4 Life to 81 school leavers

THE Dinas Powys Rotary Club has undertaken the annual donation of the Rotary 'Dictionaries 4 Life' to year-6 leavers at the two primary schools in the village.

The presentation was undertaken by Rotarians Tim Hubbard and David Williams, who visited Dinas Powys Primary School on July 19 and Martyn Williams and Alex Easton, who visited St Andrews Major Primary School on July 21.

After hearing about the work of Rotary Club in the community and around the world, each year-6 leaver was presented with their own dictionary.

They were gratefully received by the pupils, who then had them signed by friends and teachers, as a lasting memory of their time together.

Over the last four years, the presentation has become an established part of the leavers' assemblies. This year, members of the Rotary Club presented dictionaries to 81 schoolchildren, wished each of the children success in their continuing education, and hoped the dictionary will help them in their schoolwork – as well as being a useful reference tool for all of the family..

Dinas Powys Primary School year-6 leavers.

St Andrews Major Primary School leavers with their dictionaries.

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Water safety for summer

THE Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) recently issued its summer water safety message, ahead of the busiest time of the year for Welsh lifeboat crews and lifeguards.

Coastal death figures released by the RNLI, as part of its annual drowning prevention campaign 'Respect the Water', showed more people died at the Welsh coast in August than in any other month of the year.

The charity is calling on the public to help save more lives during the camapaign by remembering and sharing key survival skills.

The Widening Participation learners.

Graduation ceremony celebrates young people returning to education

CARDIFF and Vale College has held an inaugural graduation ceremony for students it has re-engaged back into education or training.

The college's Widening Participation team provides a range of progression opportunities for young people aged 16-25 who have found themselves not in education, employment or training (NEET) to give them a second chance.

This includes the Fast Forward programme, which focuses on personal and social skills development, work-related education and essential skills that can lead to a unique 'Passport to Progression' guaranteeing an interview for a mainstream course at CAVC.

The successful students have either re-engaged via the Connect programme supported by Families First programme in Cardiff, referrals from partner agencies, or have been signposted onto the European Social Fund – Inspire to Achieve programme which support students in maintaining their studies.

It has been a successful year for the college's Widening Participation learners. Nearly 90 per cent of students successfully completed their courses, despite many of them facing personal challenges throughout their time. Of those who did successfully complete the course, 100 per cent are progressing into education, training or employment.

CAVC Widening Participation Learner of the Year, Cole Chick, receives his award.

The learners, their families and friends were treated to performances by two very talented students, Sabrina Islam and Shaun Edwards, who expressed their views through rap and spoken word. There were also excellent videos of students' work who had been studying creative media and music technology.

The graduation ceremony, held in the College's Theatr Michael Sheen at its City Centre Campus, saw students from the Fast Forward courses held in east and west Cardiff, Connect to CAVC, alongside partnership courses with third sector partners, Ministry of Life and Media Academy Cardiff, collect their certificates.

Many of the learners collected a special award for 100 per cent attendance – quite an achievement, considering many of them had been or had been at risk of becoming NEET before coming to the college.

There was also a series of awards presented, with Most Improved Learner going to Marcus Barry from the Vale; Most Inspirational Student was Joel Curtis from Cardiff, and the overall CAVC Widening Participation Learner of the Year was Cole Chick, who studied creative media at Media Academy, Cardiff.

CAVC Widening Participation manager, Wayne Cater, said: "It was a very tough decision in selecting the overall Widening Participation Learner of the Year, but it was felt that Cole epitomises the inclusive, influential and inspirational vision of the college.

"Both his personal and academic progress during the year has been remarkable and his determination to succeed, alongside supporting others, is testament to the award recognition.

"We recognise the collaborative approach needed to support young people back into education and we take great care in providing pastoral support alongside the academic provision, which is brokered in partnership across the public, private and voluntary sector.

"This ensures early identification of needs of young people on engagement, creating innovative and relevant provision and securing progression routes for our students."

Cole offered unwavering support to his colleagues throughout his time on the course and often led discussions on everything from social media to politics and film. Throughout the year, he navigated through personal challenges while supporting fellow students, volunteering for LGBT charities and forums, and producing excellent work thoughout. Cole is progressing to a Level 3 Digital Media Production course at CAVC in September – skipping the Level 2 as he has already amassed so many credits on his BTEC.

"I heard of Media Academy Cardiff and that it was for people who had problems at school," Cole said. "I wanted to do film, so I got in touch and came in and saw it was really cool. It's been amazing – I joined late, but I caught up quickly.

"If I don't enjoy a project it can take me a long time to finish it and I get frustrated, but here I've been very passionate about what I'm doing and the atmosphere is so relaxed and everyone on the course is part of a close-knit group. Everyone helps each other and we co-operated all the time."

Cole made short films about specific areas of interest, such as health and wellbeing and LGBT history on his course, as well as collaborating on a stop-motion animation:

"I've always wanted to make films; I've wanted to be a director for as long as I can remember," he said. "I've now got on to a Level 3 Media Production course at Cardiff and Vale College and I'm really looking forward to it.

"Hopefully, I will go on to university to study film writing and film studies – that's my long-term goal."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Independents' surgery

LLANTWIT FIRST Independents will be holding a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major, this Saturday, August 5, from 9.30am until 11.30am.

Residents who have any issues to raise are welcome to attend.

Councillors' advice

LABOUR Vale and Barry town councillors for Gibbonsdown and Court wards, Julie Aviet, Margaret Wilkinson, Jack Hawkins, Bronwen Brooks and Sandra Perkes, will be holding an advice surgery on Saturday, August 5, in the Jenner Suite, Barry Football Club, Barry Road, from 10am until 11am.

No appointment is necessary.

Penarth park play area is transformed by revamp

Members of Penarth Youth Action at the newly-refurbished park.

THE Vale of Glamorgan Council has transformed Wordsworth Park in Penarth – by introducing bigger and brighter facilities for families to enjoy this summer.

Section 106 funding from a local development has been spent on new equipment, including a wheelchair-accessible roundabout, a flat-seat swing and wide-access gate, as well as other new additions. A public consultation was held in September and October last year, when children and local residents offered ideas on how they'd like to see the park enhanced.

The improvements have included revamping the play area with new equipment, safety surfacing, access improvements, bins and seating.

They are part of an ongoing series of investment in park facilities across the Vale. Wordsworth Park is the latest in a series of park improvements across Penarth, following Cwrt Y Vil, Plassey Sqaure, and Cliff Walk.

Members of Penarth Youth Action (PYA) were also consulted about changes to the park.

Alex McDonald, of Penarth Youth Action, said: "Now the changes have been made, I have never seen it so busy."

'Chariot Festival' brings communities together

A SPECIAL procession, ceremony and feast was organised on July 22 in Barry, aimed at bringing the community together.

The day was organised by Wales Tamil Sangam and the Hindu Cohesion Mandal, and was entitled the 'Vel-Ther Thirivizha with a Raathyatra' (Chariot Festival).

A spokeswoman reported: "We started the day with greeting the guests, invoking 'Tamil God, Lord Muruga'.

"At the stroke of the auspicious time of 12 noon, we started our walk from the Barry Memorial Hall, with councillors leading the route, and communities singing in praise of Lord Muruga and praying for peace.

"Our president, chairman and volunteers talked about the Indian tradition to members of the public, who also joined us on the walk.

"We walked through Gladstone Road and Holton Road, returning to the Memorial Hall by 1.30pm for special prayers for prosperity and peaceful communities.

"We were all worried by the weather forecast, but we had not a single drop of rain during the 45-minute spell of the Raathyatra.

Mmiraculously, we had the rain at the start of the puja – which makes the event very auspicious, and gave a feeling of direct blessing from the heavens above.

"We were inspired to have the disciplined, friendly Barry Heddlu helping us in organising the crowd.

"Labour black and minority ethnic officer Ms Dasi, and councillors from the Vale and Cardiff also joined the walk, showing strong support for our belief that will bring more prosperity to our working communities.

"It was then our children's time. They offered the 'Bhumi Pooja' (Worship for Mother Earth) with a unique cultural dance choreographed by Welsh dancer, Megan Lloyd (also an Indian classical dance teacher at India Dance Wales, Cardiff).

"The dance was full of energy and enthusiasm, with our children dressed in Bharatanatyam dance costumes.

"For the festival, an authentic south Indian feast was organised. The food was distinct, delicious, and brought nostalgic memories of Ther Tiruvizah.

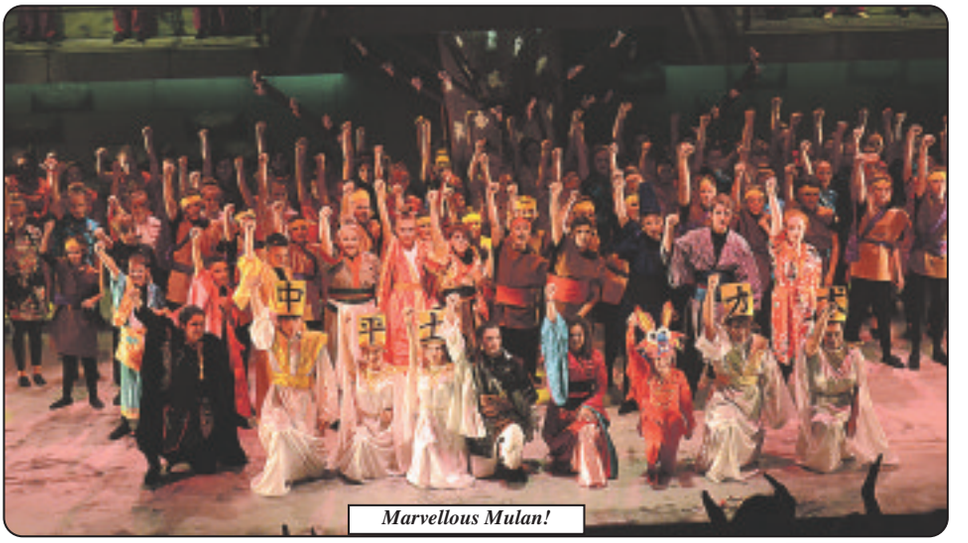
"We thank Rita Limbrick, Cadoxton, GVS and Barry Communities First for all the help and support.

" We are happy that we were able to bring the community together in a festive spirit and inspire thriving communities in Barry.

"Happiness and smiles were exchanged throughout the day and the whole team was delighted with the programme. "

Stanwell School reports on summer news round-up

Digital music album.



Marvellous Mulan!

Geography workshop

IN April, year-9 geographers enjoyed a day of interactive hazard management provided by the British Cartographic Society entitled 'The Restless Earth', where pupils mapped and managed the Japanese earthquake and subsequent tsunami using GIS strategies and iPad technology.

It enabled the pupils to understand how maps are used in real life situations, while appreciating the range of cartographic techniques available.

Pupils were assigned different disaster recovery roles within their groups – military, medical, search and rescue, humanitarian or co-ordinator – with teamwork, and problem solving skills required for a successful outcome.

Year-8 creative writing

Congratulations to Eve Jeffreys of year-8, who was a finalist in the BBC 500 Words competition.

Her entry entitled 'Barbed Wire Love' is such a well-crafted piece about life in the trenches, that it may well inspire others to read more and write for pleasure.

Harpist's success

IN early May, our extremely-talented harpist, Huw Boucher, of year-9, was invited to play at the prestigious 25th Silver Anniversary luncheon by the Women of Wales, attended by the Princess Royal.

Huw was lucky enough to talk to the Princess when the event was held at the SSE SWALEC stadium in Cardiff.

Congratulations also to Huw, who competed in and won the National Final of Young Musician of the Year held at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama on May 6. Huw was up against other regional instrumental winners from all over GB and Ireland and put in an outstanding performance to be awarded first place.

Harpist Huw was also awarded first place in the harp competition at the National Urdd Eisteddfod held in Bridgend in June. This is the second year in a row that Huw has won this prestigious competition as his musical career continues to go from strength to strength.

Well done, Huw, all at Stanwell are very proud of your achievements.

Digital music album

PUPILS of Stanwell have the opportunity to take part in after-school 'digital music' lessons which teach them to use specialist software to compose and produce music.

These students have created the 2017 album to showcase their talents. They also produced a video showing the pupils completing a live studio mix, the finished track of which is included in the album. Happy digital listening everyone!

Year-8 creative project

AS part of the Lead Creative Schools Project, a lucky group of 10 year-8 students were invited to dine at the Michelin-starred Restaurant James Sommerin on Penarth sea front.

Their visit was recorded and made into a short film with the students writing reviews in Welsh of the evening for their app 'Perlau Penarth' which is available to download for free on the Apple store.

Urdd success

JUNE saw pupils from the Performing Arts Contemporary Dance Club compete in the Urdd Eisteddfod where they achieved third place at main stage.

Their talents were featured on S4C with a fantastic and moving performance of their Aberfan tribute number. Da iawn!

Creative exhibition

WE are very proud that some of our students' art work was selected for display at the Creative Exhibition 2017 held in June at the Cardiff School of Art and Design in Llandaff. The exhibition showcases the work of talented artists at GCSE, AS and A Level.

Sporting excellence

MILA Monaghan of year-11 is a member of the Royal Yachting Association UK Youth Squad – Laser Radial which recognises her potential to progress within the British Sailing Team, with the aim of winning selection for the UK Youth Squads or beyond into the Olympic Development programmes.

The selection establishes Mila's status as a UK squad sailor and we hope she will represent Great Britain at major international events in the forthcoming years.

Congratulations to Rhys Lewis of year-10 who is currently ranked as one of the leading junior sailors in the UK. Rhys has been selected to represent GB in the French 420 Championships, the European Open Championships in Athens, the Junior European Championships in Lake Garda and the World Championships in Fremantle, Australia.

These fantastic opportunities are the result of an immense amount of dedication and hard work, well done Rhys.

Welsh-wise quiz

IN July, years 8 and 9 pupils Claire Power, Amelia Brenan and Davis Hedgecoe, and three from year 9 – Oliver Evans, Anna Hughes, Charlie Jowett, attended the Geographical Association Welsh-Wise Quiz.

Both teams made an excellent effort and represented the school brilliantly. We are proud to say that the year-8 team came first and the year-9 team came second.

Marvellous *Mulan*

FINALLY, we'd like to say huge congratulations to all the pupils and staff involved in the highly successful junior production of Disney's *Mulan*. It was a spectacular show and audience feedback has been fantastic.

Performing arts at the Urdd.

Sporting excellence from Rhys.

Year-8 creative writing achievement.

Sporting excellence from Mila.

Music students end the term on a high note

MUSICAL MINIS' Caitlyn Ellis recently passed grade 2 piano with merit and Benedict Griffin passed grade 4 recorder, also with merit.

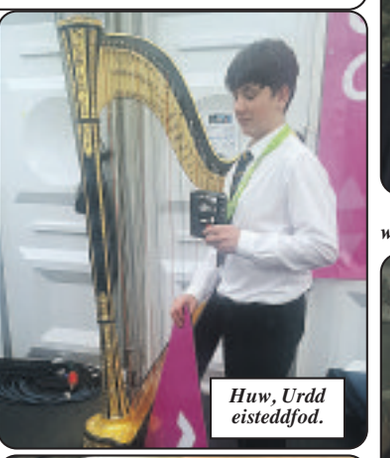
Harrison Ollier passed grade 1 guitar with distinction scoring full marks on four out of six elements.

Katie Alsop took her piano prep test and received outstanding comments from the examiner. Following Jack Ollier's recent success at this year's South Glamorgan Festival for Young Musicians, he went on to win the festival prize for the most promising woodwind performance.

Several students successfully auditioned for various county orchestras with Simeon Whiffen gaining a place in the County Transitional Orchestra, Jemima Whiffen gaining a place in the County High Schools Orchestra and Jack Ollier gaining a place in the County Youth Orchestra.

Teacher Jo Weaving said: "I am extremely proud of all students' achievements this year. Everyone has worked hard.

"I hope they are all enjoying their summer holidays, and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again in September."



Huw, Urdd eisteddfod.

Legal help

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a Drop-in session on August 8, where people aged over 50 will be able to chat to a member of a local legal team based in Barry.

It will be held at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop,38 Holton Road Barry from 10am to 12 midday, No appointment is needed. Contact 01446/732385 for further information

Royal visit.

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HOUSES, STREETS AND ROADS IN CADOXTON 1885-95

THERE were 51 houses in Cadoxton Parish in 1881, together with farms including Colebrook Fawr and Fach (big and little), Old Mill, Weston, Biglis, Hatch and Bowers.

Several old 'highways' led into Cadoxton: Holton Farm going east via the Buttrills and Tynewydd, south of Witchell Wood to Cadoxton Common; from Pencoedtre Wood, south past Cadoxton Reservoir via Crossways and Cross Elms to the parish church; from St Andrews Major, south via Gilbert Cottage and Coldbrook to the church; from the Westra, Dinas Powis to Gilbert Cottage; Dinas Powis via moors to Weston; Holton passing south of Maes-y-cwm Wood to Weston.

The highways were narrow lanes with room for one vehicle and John Robinson, the engineer of the Docks Company, recalled how one day he came upon a horse and carriage with ladies aboard and had to lead his horse and trap backwards a long way, in order that they could pass.

Members of the Public Works committee in 1889 were J Robinson (chair), Edward Hughes, Oliver Jenkins, Charles Morgan, JC Meggitt and Dr O'Donnell, with JA Hughes, Dr George Neale and JC Pardoe, the clerk to the board, the medical officer of health and the surveyor respectively. One of their tasks was to ensure that builders adhered to the bye-laws and property owners carried out their responsibilities.

As some houses had already been erected before this committee was formed, they were playing 'catch-up' from the outset and new planning applications were flooding in at every meeting. Board members could not agree whether public roads should be 40 or 60 feet wide and this created problems for the Gas and Water Company, having to dig up and relay pipes, much as we have today.

The 1890 amendment to the Public Health Act of 1875 stipulated that 'private improvement works' in unfinished streets and roads, must be carried out by the board and paid out of the rates. They could then 'adopt' the streets and claim the costs from property owners, who were responsible for 'paving, curbing (sic) and channelling'.

Upgrading these bumpy, muddy lanes with the tools available 130 years ago would have been a challenge in calm and peaceful surroundings, but in the hustle and bustle of Barry in 1889, it must have been chaotic. To make a 12 feet wide highway suitable for the increased traffic often meant dealing with different landowners and then seeking tenders from builders to carry out the work. Sourcing the stone would take more time and the weather could turn them into impassable bogs for workers and delivery of materials by horse and cart.

When Thomas Jenkins died at New House in 1898 at the grand old age of 94, he was the oldest 'commoner' in the district, with rights to Cadoxton Common. This grand old man, who in 1861 was farming 13 acres of freehold land, could remember swimming in the sea as a child at Weston Square.

When the docks and railways were being planned in the early 1880s, the illustrious men involved in that enterprise such as TA Walker, John Wolfe Barry and David Davies of Llandinam, were frequent visitors to his home. His son Oliver was the clerk to the school board and with meetings held at the house, both of them were privy to what lay ahead.

Imagine then that 80-year-old Thomas made his way to the high point of the Common in 1885 for one last look at 'his village', before things changed for ever.

Below him to the north was the parish church, two early chapels, some cottages, several farms, the William the Fourth public house and over to the right was Coldbrook with Bitdown Wood to the left.

To the west were Slade and Witchell woods, then further down across open fields were Brooks, Newlands and Maes-y-Cwm woods. Coming back towards the common, he would have seen Court House where Rev John Hughes was living in 1881. Turning his gaze back to the south were the Old Mill, Weston Farm, Cadoxton River and the moors to the east as far as Sully and Hayes Farm, then no doubt with tears in his eyes, he bade farewell to his youth.

Ten years elapsed, with Oliver on the Local board and the School and Burial boards, so he was well aware of the great changes taking place.

Imagine once again that he wanted to take his father back to the common, to a scene he would not recognise and certainly could not have imagined.

He would have known about the few houses built just behind his home in Brock Street and as they left in their horse and carriage, they would have passed houses in Jenkin Street, Robin's Lane, Daniel, Beverley and Abingdon Streets and then more houses leading down the steep hill of Church Road.

Once on the common with its lofty panoramic view, looking north Thomas would have picked out homes in Treharne Road and Edwards Street, the latter available to rent at just 4s a week. Further ahead was the massive low level reservoir just below Pencoedtre Wood, built to supply water to the whole of Cadoxton and the lower parts of Barry Dock and east Barry.

Gazing across to the north east was the Cadoxton Brick Works with houses nearby in David Street, with the brook running behind. Next came his first sighting of the railway line as it carved its way north, leaving both Coldbrook Farms on the far side, with the first houses in Palmer Street just below. To the east were the Biglis Water Works and then looking south, near the goods station of the Taff Vale Railway, he would have caught sight of two large kilns at the Brick Works of Londoner Mr Jackson.

As the contractor of the deep water lock, on that site he was able to bake 250 tons in each kiln and by mid-July 1893, he sent the first 300 tons by rail to the docks.

Heading west from the Royal Hotel were houses along Barry Road with more in Fairford, Chesterfield, Glebe and Gilbert Streets on the north side and Lee Road, Llewellyn and Davies Streets and Commercial Road on the south side. Hannah Street had a few houses near Court Road, but the school had not yet been built.

It is worth remembering that this was still only 1895, just six years after the docks had been opened.

Catching his breath, Thomas would next have been drawn to look down from the common to the south and a scene for which he was not prepared. There before him were hundreds of houses in streets such as Main, Iddesleigh, Vere, Harvey, Hunter, Holmes, Forster, Weston, Llanover, Melrose, Oban, Pontypridd and Kenilworth, Courtenay and Old Mill Roads.

Oliver would most likely have reminded his father of The Old Wenvoe Inn, which had stood just below the common for 40 years, with first David Thompson and then his daughter Mrs Matthews in occupation. Now demolished and replaced by The Wenvoe Arms, its publican was H Chappell and was now a modern family and commercial hotel with stabling, a first class billiard room and serving cold luncheons daily.

Alongside the hotel, some houses had been built in Northcote Terrace and lower down in Jenner Street.

Beyond the railway station, there were more on the north side of Cardiff Road in John and Arthur Streets then opposite in Morlais, Spring, Gwenllian and Riverside. The architects were actually given permission to alter Gwenllian to Flora Street in 1892.

No doubt quite weary at that stage, he could have finished his visual journey by catching sight of a few houses in Beatrice and Rectory Roads off Weston Hill to the south west.

Had this event actually occurred, we can only surmise what Thomas' reaction would have been, but his son Oliver was prominent in the community and prospered from it, so it seems likely his response would have been favourable. Just before his death in 1898, he would have been told that his beloved common was to be taken over as a recreational area and named Victoria Park in celebration of the longevity of the Queen. It was interesting that six years earlier, board members had wanted to lay out the common as a public park. They had even been offered two gifts of 50 guineas from separate London sources, but the 'commoners' were unwilling.

It should be noted that most of the Jenkins family were buried in the parish church.

As Cadoxton was the largest district, some men resented improvements being made in east Barry and as early as October 1889, comment was made that people from Cadoxton could not agree about anything and that three Barry men were equal to four from Cadoxton.

An irate working man told the Barry Dock News that many wives found it preferable to pay the train fare and shop in Cardiff, rather than 'waddle about Cadoxton up to their knees in mud and sewage water, spoiling their best Sunday boots and petticoats'. He questioned what could 'lawyers, parsons, drapers, old farmers and a rich man or two' know about road-making.

Give him a dozen men with shovels, picks and wheelbarrows and the problem would be solved and if the local board did not sort out the roads, he was advocating non-payment of rates.

It should be remembered that this was a large hilly district with a great deal of water and human activity, but in those days as now, the public want immediate action.

In October 1889, the Local Board surveyor John Pardoe, announced the closure of the old road in preparation for the new one, from East Barry via Holton, Victoria Hotel, Glebeland, the Police Station, the south end of Courtenay Road to Weston Bridge.

The new Court Road from the Police Station through Brooks Farm as far as Cadoxton Court was also agreed and £2,713 was spent widening the old highway between Colebrook (sic) and the Royal.

Two years later, the committee agreed to maintain the old footpaths from Chesterfield Street and also Treharne Road to Merthyr Dovan; Pencoedtre to Stumpy Hall; Old Mill Cottage along the cliff to Hayes Farm and Sully; the 'highway' from Robbin's Lane to Merthyr Dovan and the Colcot. In December of that year, J Fido carried out improvements in Robbin's Lane for £418.13s.5d.

JC Meggitt applied to the county council to 'take over' the main road from Biglis via Weston Hill to Barry and they agreed to contribute towards its maintenance.

Travelling from Cadoxton to Port Road was over the original highway, as upgrading the road via Pencoedtre was still being discussed in 1905. In fact, as a young taxi driver in the early 1960's, we still had to travel along Barry Road and then Colcot Road to pick up the ladies for Bingo at the Empire.

The committee finally awarded the contract to Frank Small to upgrade Barry Road from the Royal to the bottom of Crogan Hill, but it would be four years before the work was finished.

To assist with the much-needed road improvements, in November 1890 a new steamroller costing £350, finally arrived at the offices of the local board.

A story told how the machine, while parked 'looking down' Vere Street and up Iddesleigh and Main Street, let out a piercing shriek at the deplorable condition of the roads where it would soon be expected to work, then shuddered backwards in sheer disgust. At the same time, the driver was heard to remark "what a horrible state of things in a civilised community".

Mount Pleasant Building Estate offered plots to let in August 1889, for the erection of villas, shops and cottages and then later sought tenders from builders for new streets and drainage.

Some of the first houses built in the district at Daniel Street and Commercial Road were being rented at 6s and 7s a week, with leases dated from 1885/6. Two houses in Iddesleigh Street sold for £320 and possibly surgeon W Lloyd Edward lived in one of them.

At the same time, Dr Milward of Cardiff had leased land on which Vere Street and side-streets were built and as a director of the Court Estate Building Company, he later sought tenders for roads on the upper portion of that estate.

It was reported that the old footpath along Court Road, through Jeremiah's Field and Gottzwaltz's Field via Brooks Farm was in a deplorable state and the local board was threatened with indictment for neglect of duty. Builder Daniel Evans for some reason had refused to allow the footpath to be 'metalled', yet even so he was still awarded the contract to widen High Street, Barry Dock Town for £42.19s 9d.

The King William the Fourth public house was in the High Street mentioned above, having been there before the docks development and in June 1890 it was fitted out with gas.

'Metalling' referred to the top dressing on the path/road, made up of any stone or gravel that had been mined or quarried. There was intense competition to tender for this material and local men John John, Jenkin Brock and David Love were often criticised for having insufficient supplies.

To illustrate their problems, the Alps Quarry at Wenvoe agreed to send 250 tons for metalling, by train to Barry Station and Alfred Elliott of Cardiff won the contract to supply stone for £8693.13.3d, being £1,800 cheaper than others.

In 1889 the Barry Stone & Lime Company opened extensive quarries at Maes-y-cwm, with kilns being built for lime and machinery for grinding mortar. They also had works at 'Barry Cliff' and George Thomas of Cardiff offered stone from his quarry on Barry Road, just up from the Royal Hotel.

Many syndicates and building companies were set up in the first few years to try and satisfy demand including: Cadoxton Estate syndicate, houses in Daniel Street; Witchill Estate Company, 12 houses in Gilbert Street; Cadoxton Cottage Company, 51 cottages in Church Road and the Commercial Road Building Club sought tenders to erect 30 cottages.

Local builders such as W Britton built six houses in Fairford Street for rent at 6s a week and there were some in Chesterfield Street at 6s.6d, with James Brock erecting two in Melrose Street.

In December 1895, an auction of 25 cottages in Commercial Road was held, all let at 4s.6d week. At that time a plasterer was paid £1.7s.3d a week and a joiner working for F Small earned £2.2s.

In October 1890, level crossings were planned for Iddesleigh, Vere and Quarella Streets, plus Kenilworth Road and two more from Main Street near the Royal Hotel.

EJ Ince built a house in 1895, for the engine driver at Biglis pumping station for £448.19s.

Recently we have seen flats and houses being built on the Waterfront, but they have not all been built at the same time and access to the site has been over well-made roads.

From 1889-1893, Cadoxton, Barry Dock and Barry experienced much more activity, with basic equipment and very poor access. The early residents must have wondered if their lives would ever settle down.

Apprentice winner Alana backing Welsh Government campaign

THE winner of BBC One's *The Apprentice 2016*, Alana Spencer is encouraging young people in the area to consider doing an apprenticeship.

Alana is backing the Welsh Government's summer campaign to support 1,000 brand new apprenticeship vacancies for people of all ages across Wales.

The vacancies, which will be posted on the Apprenticeship Matching Service on the Careers Wales website throughout the summer, will offer young people and adults the chance to secure an exciting career in a wide range of disciplines.

The job roles will all be apprenticeship opportunities with qualifications to match, with a particular focus on technical and professional skills. Some of the apprenticeships that are available now include journalist, associate scientist, quantity surveyor, ICT and computing, digital and marketing.

The Apprenticeship Programme in Wales is funded by the Welsh Government, with support from the European Social Fund.

Alana Spencer (25), is a supporter of the Welsh Government apprenticeship programme.

She said: "Young people leaving school are so lucky to have so many opportunities available to them.

"Apprenticeships have so many great benefits and allow young people to kick-start a career in a field they love, while also gaining some fantastic experience and industry relevant skills and qualifications that will help them to progress their career in the future.

"When I left school at 16, I was adamant that I didn't want to follow the traditional university route into a job. I also didn't know anything about apprenticeships at the time, so didn't even consider them as a possible avenue into becoming a chocolatier.

"When I was first starting out I had no-one to teach me, so I spent my days learning how to cook by practising and perfecting recipes at home.

"It was exceedingly hard work and really challenging at times, but thoroughly rewarding. However, there have been times when I didn't think I'd make it and would've been grateful for the opportunity to get some advice and support, as well as some practical, hands-on experience before venturing out alone.

"These days, apprenticeships are the perfect answer when it comes to wanting to launch a career in a field you're passionate about, while also obtaining all the tools you need to succeed in the future. They are a win-win for everyone."

Wales has developed a highly successful apprenticeship programme over recent years. Apprenticeships are increasingly becoming a viable alternative to traditional academic routes into employment, helping people of all ages gain on the job experience while studying for a nationally recognised qualification.

With results day around the corner, the Welsh Government is urging people in Wales to consider how an apprenticeship can be the first step of a worthwhile, skilled career path.

Minister for Skills and Science, Julie James, said: "Apprenticeships are a key investment for employers who can train their workforce in the specialist skills they need within their organisation.

"Apprenticeships play an important role in increasing the nation's overall skill set and driving economic growth, making sure that Wales remains competitive on the world stage.

"The Welsh Government is working in conjunction with training providers across Wales to highlight 1,000 apprenticeship vacancies in organisations from various sectors within small SMEs to larger global conglomerates over the summer period."

For more information, visit careerswales.com and follow the apprenticeship link, or to find out how your business could benefit from recruiting an apprentice, visit Skills Gateway for Business https://businesswales.gov.wales/skillsgateway/apprenticeships

Alternatively, telephone 03000 603000. Also Facebook at www.facebook.com/apprenticeshippscymru and Twitter @apprenticewales.

World War One, July 1917 – how one German torpedo claimed the lives of nine Barry men

It is easy to forget that 100 years ago, World War One was in its third year, and the casualties on both sides were mounting at a horrific rate.

The GEM is grateful to Paul Kemp of the Western Front Association and Barry at War for this sombre record of the Barry men who lost their lives in just one month, July, 1917.

JULY 31, 1917 saw the start of a major battle known officially as the Third Battle of Ypres but more commonly as Passchendaele.

It was to last until November 10, 1917. At the end of the first day significant advances had been made, the 38th (Welsh) Division did particularly well and was singled out for praise by Field Marshal Haig.

Unfortunately, heavy rain then fell in torrents, the worst weather in Belgium for many years turned the battlefield into a muddy quagmire, which was to be the most memorable feature of the battlefield, with attacking troops struggling to make progress in the mud.

Second Engineer David Oliver Davies of the *SS Southina*, Mercantile Marine, died on July 7 as a result of an attack by an enemy submarine. Aged 37, he was the son of Samuel and Hannah Davies; husband of Margaret Mary Davies (nee Roberts), of 8, Welford Street, Barry. He was born at Maesteg.

On July 7 the *SS Southina*, on a voyage from Cardiff to Oran with a cargo of coal and Government stores, was sunk by the German submarine UC-67 (Karl Neumann) six miles WNW of Cap Sigli, Algeria. One person was lost.

Private George Henry Northcott of 901st Mechanical Transport, Army Service Corps died of heart disease on July 7; he is buried in Basra War Cemetery, Iraq. Aged 27, the son of William and Elizabeth Jane Northcott of Melrose, Sully and husband of Mary Elizabeth Northcott. He was educated in Dinas Powys County School; he was a motor mechanic.

He enlisted in the Army Service Corps on March 15, 1916 and served with the Indian Expeditionary Force in Mesopotamia from March 2, 1917.

Mess room steward **Sidney John Dench** of the *SS Calliope*, Mercantile Marine died on July 12 as a result of an attack by an enemy submarine. Aged 15, he was the son of Mrs Florence Kate Smith of 30, Holme Street, Cadoxton, Barry. He was born at Twickenham.

On July 12 *SS Calliope*, on voyage from Seville to Newport with a cargo of iron ore, was torpedoed and sunk by German U-boat U-155 (Kapitänleutnant Karl Meusel) 150 miles north of Madeira. All 27 crew died.

Sapper Sydney George John of the 557th Army Troops Coy, Royal Engineers died of wounds on July 11. He was born and enlisted in Barry and went to France March 8, 1915. He is buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery, Belgium.

Carpenter William Eakon of the *SS Mariston*, Mercantile Marine died on July 15 as a result of an attack by an enemy submarine. Aged 52, he was the husband of Ellen Eakon (nee Saunders), of 3, Lee Road, Cadoxton. He was born at Stettin.

On July 15 *SS Mariston*, a defensively armed British Merchant steamer was on a voyage from Almeria to the Clyde, Glasgow, with a cargo of copper ore when 82 miles West of the Fastnet, Ireland she was torpedoed without warning and sunk by German submarine U-45 (Erich Sittenfeld); 28 lives were lost including the master.

On July 16, *SS Ribston* was en route from Melilla to the Clyde with a cargo of iron ore when she was torpedoed by German submarine U-45 and sunk 85 miles west from the Fastnet rock. The crew of 25 were all lost including the master and nine Barry merchant seamen.

Able Seaman William Jenkin Bartlett, aged 20, son of Rachel Bartlett of 4 Clive Road, Barry Island; carpenter **Zanis Constantine Coutsoudis**, aged 58, son of the late Constantine and Stamaton Coutsoudis; husband of Assimio Coutsoudis of 8, Travis Street, Barry. Born in Chile; sailor **George Mansel Durbin**, aged 18, son of William Henry and Kathleen Ellen Durbin of 13 Bassett Street, Barry Dock; fireman **Benjamin Charles Evans,** aged 23, son of David and Elizabeth Evans of 101, Merthyr Street, Barry; fireman **Joseph Kays**, aged 32, son of W Henry and Emma Kays; husband of Beatrice Kays (nee Chick) of 5, Palmerston Road, Cadoxton. Born at Bedminster, Bristol.

Sailor George Henry Lixton, aged 18, son of John and Mary Ann Lixton (nee Smith), of 15, Commercial Road, Barry Dock; born at Newport, Mon.

Able Seaman George Henry Taylor, aged 21, son of George and Lucy Ann Taylor (nee Baker) of 4, Gilbert Street, Cadoxton, Barry; fireman **John Owen Charles Vincent,** aged 28, son of George and Elizabeth Vincent; husband of Minnie Evelina Vincent (nee Taylor) of 40, Tydvil Street, Barry Dock. Born at Cardiff.

Fireman **Charles Stanley Wilson**, aged 24, son of John and Emily Wilson; husband of Annie May Wilson (nee Thomas), of 60, Graving Dock Street, Barry Dock; born at Cardiff.

Second Lieutenant Ivor Llewellyn Dadds, Inland Water Transport, Royal Engineers died on July 17; he is buried in Basra War Cemetery, Iraq. Aged 30, he was the son of Samuel Llewellyn Dadds and Elizabeth Dadds of 'Brynhyfryd,' Miskin Street, Barry.

Private William T Hookings, caterpillar driver, Base Mechanical Transport Depot, Army Service Corps, died through the effects of excessive heat in Mesopotamia on July 23 and was buried in Kut War Cemetery, Iraq.

He was the son of Mr and Mrs TH Hookings, 5 Brickyard Terrace, Cadoxton. He had been in the Army for 18 months, and had been in the east for the last 12 months. He was formerly a locomotive fireman on the Barry Railway.

He was 26 years of age, educated at Cadoxton Council School, and left a wife – Florence Elizabeth – and two children, having lived at Church Road, Cadoxton.

Ship's cook **Thomas York** of the *SS Ludgate*, Mercantile Marine died on July 26 as a result of an attack by an enemy submarine. Aged 51, he was the husband of Eleanor York (nee Murphy), of 26 Fryatt Street, Barry. He was born at York.

On July 26 *SS Ludgate*, on a voyage from Huelva to Garston with a cargo of iron ore, was sunk by a mine from the German submarine UC-51 (Hans Galster), two miles south from Galley Head; 24 crew were lost.

Gunner Thomas Sidney Bryant of 'Y' Trench Mortar Battery, Royal Field Artillery, 38th (Welsh) Division was killed in action on July 28. Aged 19, he was buried in Bard Cottage Cemetery, Belgium. The Barry Dock News reported: 'ONE OF THE VERY BEST.' – O.C. KILLED SEVEN DAYS AFTER RETURNING FROM LEAVE.'

In a letter to Mr and Mrs James Bryant, 131 Dock View Road, Barry Docks, the Commanding Officer, Y Battery, TMB, 38th Division, Royal Field Artillery, informed them of the death in action of their son, Tom S Bryant.

In the communication, the OC said: 'Your son was killed by a German shell on July 28th. It is a very great blow to me, as he was my best gunner. He died a soldier's death, by his gun, but we cannot afford to lose good men, and he was one of the very best. There has been some hot fighting here lately, and he did splendidly.'

Gunner Bryant was home on leave on July 10, returned to France on the 19th and was killed on the 28th. He joined the Army when he was 17, and spent his 19th birthday in the trenches.

He was formerly employed in the Barry Railway engine sheds. An old pupil of Hannah Street Council School, he played for the school football team, and captained Hannah Street when they won the Schools' Football Shield. His mother was a lineal descendant of Sir Henry Matthews, who fought in the Battle of St Fagan's on the side of the Royalists.

Gunner Percival Christmas Thomas of 'B' Battery, 122nd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery died of wounds on July 29. He is buried in Canada Farm Cemetery, the son of Caroline Thomas; he lived and enlisted in Barry.

Second Lieutenant John Humphrey England of the 14th Bn, Welsh Regiment was killed in action on July 31. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial to The Missing, Ypres, Belgium. He had been Mentioned in Despatches.

The Barry Dock News reported: 'LIEUTENANT KILLED IN THE MEMORABLE PUSH. Lieutenant Jack England, who was killed whilst leading his men in the push on July 31 was the only son of Mr and Mrs JH England of Llanishen, and grandson of Mr J Jewel Williams, of Glanhafren, Barry.

He was educated at Cardiff High School and King's College, Taunton, afterwards entering the service of Messrs Spillers and Bakers. Immediately war broke out he joined the Welsh Cyclists, and assisted for nearly 12 months in guarding the North-East Coast, he obtained his commission in August 1915, and went to the front a year later with the Welsh Regiment.

Accounts to hand show that he acquitted himself with great vigour and bravery. He will be a great loss,' writes the colonel. He was a fine, brave boy, and always did his work well. Your boy's company had fought their way to the final objective before he was killed.'

Private Leslie Richard Thomas, 'A' Company,14th Bn, Welsh Regiment was killed in action on July 31. Aged 19, the son of William and Catherine Mary Thomas of 36 Dyfan Road, Witchill Estate, Cadoxton, he has no known grave and is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing, Ypres, Belgium.

In the attack on the Pilckem Ridge on July 31 the 14th Bn of the Welsh Regiment had five officers killed, four officers wounded and 80 other ranks killed and 141 other ranks wounded.

Second Lieutenant Norman McCallum of the 11th Bn Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders was killed in action on July 31. Mr James A McCallum, Windsor Road, Barry was informed of the death in action of his son, Second Lieutenant Norman McCallum, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. He was 22 years of age, and had enlisted in September, 1914.

He had been in France since June 1915, and was severely wounded in the neck at the battle of Loos. Lieut McCallum was a keen sportsman and footballer, and a staunch supporter of the Barry Rowing Club. Educated at Barry County School. A brother, Graydon McCallum, of the Royal Engineers, was training for commission.

Private Frank Wood of the 13th Bn, Gloucestershire Regiment was killed in action on July 31. Born in Barry Dock, he enlisted in Birmingham and was married to Kate Wood with one child. He is buried in Duhallow ADS Cemetery, Belgium.

Private Edward Theophilus Christie of the 2nd Bn, West Yorkshire Regiment was killed in action on July 31. Born in Barry, he lived and enlisted in Hull, and was the son of Sarah A Christie. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial to The Missing, Ypres, Belgium.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

Paul Kemp

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Please bring any information you already have – photos, letters or other items such as medals, documents etc.

We will advise and assist you to find out what may be available.

Please note that the museum will be open for the next five weekends, beginning Saturday, July 29. Sunday, August 6 will hopefully see the Return of the Red Arrows to Barry Island and Saturday, August 12 will be the museum's big open day… more details on our website.

Atal Y Fro benefit from the Soroptimists' 50th challenge

PICTURED are: Mary Tornabene (president elect), Jackie Memory (president), Lana Gould (support worker) and Kay Thomas (Group A leader).

THE ladies of Atal Y Fro, the women's refuge, were the recipients of this month's SI Barry and District's 50th challenge.

For the 50th anniversary of the club, members collected personal hygiene items to donate to women who are victims of domestic violence.

Lana Gould from Atal Y Fro was very appreciative of the Soroptimists' support and said that the items would be most useful for those seeking emergency temporary accommodation.

SI Barry and District has for many years helped by providing bedding, household items and washbags to those in the refuge. Campaigning against domestic violence has been a focus area of Soroptimist Internationa', hence the close links between the club and Atal Y Fro in Barry.

To find out more about the club, visit www.sigbi.org/barry-and-district.

Police appeal:

'Do you recognise this man?'

Police image: Do you recognise this man?

SOUTH Wales Police have issued an image and an appeal which relates to an incident at the Co-op store in Penarth.

A spokeswoman said: "Do you recognise this man? We'd like to speak to him in connection with a theft from the Co-op store on Windsor Road.

"Anyone with information which could help us identify him, is asked to call 101, quoting reference 1700270927."

Local church in competition to find Wales' favourite religious building

The interior of St Illtud's Church at Llantwit Major.

THE ancient church of St Illtud's, Llantwit Major, has been entered in a national competition to find the most popular sacred site or building in Wales.

The National Churches Trust has selected 50 possibilities, ranging from tiny rural churches like Mwnt on Cardigan Bay to the great cathedrals such as St David's, and from remote chapels like Capel Newydd at Nanhoren to the great chapels of the industrial era like Tabernacle, Llanelli.

Some of the buildings revel in great architecture, others in a long history of worship, but all are important in the history of Wales.

St Illtud's Church proudly stands on one of the earliest Christian sites in Britain, with a Celtic Christian community being founded by St Illtud about the year 500. Here was Britain's earliest centre of learning, with a school and missionary centre, as well as the monastery.

In the recently rebuilt Galilee Chapel is an important collection of Celtic Christian stones, particularly the beautiful Houelt Cross. The original parish church, built after 1100, is now the West Church.

The East Church was added in the 13th century, and contains many items of interest, including the unique Jesse niche, wall paintings and medieval and Tudor effigies.

St Illtud's today is a lively and active parish church, attracting visitors from all over the world, being drawn by its history and atmosphere of prayer and worship.

The winning church will receive a special trophy and £500.

To see all the sites entered into the competition, go to www.sacredwales.org.uk. Voting is easy – find the photograph and click on to it.

Vale kitchen assistant Gareth wins an award

Gareth and his apple pie.

A VALE of Glamorgan Council kitchen assistant showed off his award–winning culinary skills at a recent national competition.

Gareth Humphreys, who works at St Cyres Comprehensive School in Penarth, took part in the 2017 Finishing Touches competition with the National Lead Association for Catering in Education, earlier this month.

On July 6 Gareth won the silver award for his biscuit entry as well as best in class. His modern take on an apple pie, complete with a custard filling and popping candy on the top, won the bronze prize.

It was only last October that he won at the regional Welsh Lead Association for Catering in Education competition (LACA) for his biscuit entry.

Gareth Humphreys, 64, who has worked as a kitchen assistant for two years, said:

"It was a very good day but I didn't know what the standard would be at a national competition. It would be great to encourage other members of staff in others schools, who enjoy baking, to take part in competitions like these. Having the backing of the catering team was fantastic.

"I spent most weekends baking in the lead-up to the competition, and people don't realise how much of your time it takes. My 11-year-old grandson suggested putting popping candy on the pie, and I'm glad I did."

Gareth also received a trophy and a mug from the catering team, who were more than happy to offer their support.

Mary Hesford, who works with Strategy, Community Learning and Resources at The Vale of Glamorgan Council, said: "We are very proud of Gareth's success and have put a newsletter to all our staff to encourage them to enter any future competitions and also to share in his success.

"We had tasting sessions in the school and staff and pupils enjoyed this and were very willing to give their compliments and suggestions. Gareth loves to bake and he has a real feel for it."

Isle of Fire lights up the sky over Barry Island

A SPECTACULAR show saw the sky light up at Barry Island – as the popular Isle of Fire festival returned for its fourth year.

On Saturday, 5,000 people gathered on opening night in anticipation of what this year's two-day event had in store.

With giant fire sculptures, a ten-foot tall lobster, and a performance from the glow in the dark band, Spark! the island was overflowing with bright colours and sounds.

A weekend of New Orleans jazz was provided by musicians Wonderbrass, Mr Wilson's second lining, and a few fire singers were performing too.

A lantern parade was led by Barry Island Primary School pupils, closely followed by the famous fire-breathing dragon on a ship sailed by angry Vikings.

Coun Bob Penrose, Vale of Glamorgan Council cabinet member for learning and culture, said: "The council has overseen the extensive regeneration of Barry Island Promenade in recent years, and events like this help showcase what a wonderful location it is.

"I'm thrilled so many turned out to sample The Isle of Fire, which attracted people from far and wide to the Vale. It is just one in a series of events set to take place on the Island over the coming weeks and we believe all those in the Barry Island Weekenders programme will prove just as appealing and successful."

The Isle of Fire was the first of several Barry Island Weekenders lined up for summer 2017.

Live bands and music artists will take over the island's promenade at this year's Street Music Weekender, from July 29 – 30.

For more information on events across the Vale this summer, visit www.visitthevale.com/en/Events/Events.aspx

Penarth Ramblers go on two evening strolls

AFTER some downpours in the Barry area, for the 10 walkers and Bella the dog who joined Joy from Penarth and District Ramblers at St Mary's Church in Wenvoe for the start of an evening ramble, everywhere was bone dry and remained that way.

Setting off under the A4050 to take advantage of stiles that had recently been cleared by the group, then heading southwards beside the busy main road a deviation through a gateway led them into fields to the rear of Vishwell Farm for the journey to St Andrews Road.

After heading across a field of long grass, several more stiles led onto the driveway of Garn and crossing the busy A4050, a pretty pathway through a wood led them to Burdonshill lane with its views across the golf course.

Reaching Wenvoe Wood and heading down past Poundfield Farm into Pound Lane before descending past the library onto Old Port Road, a short trek across the footbridge over the main road brought them along Station Road East and back playing fields, where a narrow footpath adjacent to houses led back to the start.

Country park

Jan and John played host to a group of 14 walkers on an evening ramble, taking in Porthkerry Country Park. Leaving the car park at the Travelodge on Port Road to walk through a very short shower of rain on the journey down through Cwm Ciddy Lane, brought them into Porthkerry Park, purchased by the council in 1929 from the Romilly family estate.

Following a narrow footpath beside the main Vale of Glamorgan railway line uphill and circumnavigating the edge of a field of ripe barley, several kissing gates led them into the next barley field and the reward of grand views towards Cardiff Airport and out over the Bristol Channel.

After descending through a field and crossing the Whitelands Brook, a footbridge over the Bullhouse Brook led past the Old Rectory and into a field overlooking the Porthkerry viaduct, before a sunken path led steeply uphill to Porthkerry village.

Passing through the lych gate of St Curig's Church dedicated to the 6th century saint, they continued downhill through woodland. Crossing the pitch and putt course, steps led them up into Knockmandown Wood, past Nightingale Cottage and into the Millwood to view the remains of the old sawmill, before heading back to their start and a quick drink in the pub as a thank you for the use of their car park.

On August 3, meet at 6.30pm in Rhoose Railway Station car park, for a 3-mile easy walk taking in Rhoose Point and quarries; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

On August 5, meet at 8.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 12-mile hard walk to Mynydd y Glog from Garwnant; contact Barrie on 029 2053 0753.

On August 6, meet at 9am at Cogan for a 10-mile moderate walk in the Carmarthen area; contact Robin on 029 2051 4051.

On August 10, meet at 6pm at the Gorsedd Stones rear of Romilly Park, Barry for a 4-mile easy/mod walk taking in Cold Knap, Barry Island and the Quays; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

JOY STRANGWARD

Choir excel themselves at Bath Abbey

ON the weekend of July 22-23, the parish choir of All Saints,' Barry, sang as the choir in residence at Bath Abbey, while the regular Abbey choristers started their summer holiday.

It is fair to say that they excelled themselves and really shone a beacon light representing the Church of All Saints and the town of Barry in general.

They sang exceptionally well at evensong on the Saturday night and then at the Choral Eucharist and Evensong on the Sunday, to a packed Abbey of regular worshippers, tourists and a coach load of supporters who travelled up by coach on the Sunday.

Spirits were certainly not dampened by the heavy rain, as music was performed by Stanford, Haydn and contemporary composer David Ogden, amongst others.

It was a huge privilege for organist and choirmaster, James Bull, to direct the choir on their first official cathedral visit away from home territory.

The choir received positive comments from the clergy, members of congregation and professional musicians, as their sound reverberated around the Abbey walls.

When the choir return from their summer break, they will be working hard on preparing for their next cathedral visit in October, where they will sing in the Chapel of St George's, Windsor Castle.

The choir is always looking for new choristers – for further information, email music@allsaintsbarry.org.uk.

James Bull,
Organist and Choirmaster

Barry Beavers unveil commemorative book

BARRY Beavers Disabled Swimming Club has unveiled a commemorative book – to celebrate the club's history.

The club, which trains in Barry Leisure Centre, has been active for over three decades, with hundreds of members past and present.

The current membership of 80 gathered in the dance hall in the leisure centre recently for speeches from the chair of the club, Christopher Economides, secretary Pat Finch, book coordinator Angela Price and a few of the founding members. Each member and friends of the club received a copy of the book.

Also attending the ceremony was Alun Cairns MP, who said: "It was an honour to speak at this wonderfully heart-warming event, because it is clear to see the positive impact the club has had on its members over the decades.

"I have seen this club battle through the most difficult of times, yet their perseverance has always helped them to overcome the difficulties facing them.

"I had a lump in my throat listening to the members speak of how grateful they are for all that Barry Beavers has helped them to achieve. This club is truly special!"

The Barry Beavers are now looking forward to their annual Party In the Park, which will take place on Sunday, August 6 at Porthkerry Park.

MV Balmoral is back on her home beat...

ALL ABOARD! Passengers at Porthcawl.

AFTER successful sailing periods in the Scottish western isles and on the north Wales coast, *MV Balmoral* is back on the Bristol Channel beat for her popular summer season.

From July 26 to September 4, she is sailing on 39 separate days all around the area.

Last flagship of the famous P&A Campbell White Funnel Fleet, she will sail from her main departure point at Penarth's historic Victorian Pier, on 27 days. There will also be many sailings from Porthcawl, Swansea and Briton Ferry.

Balmoral proudly continues the great heritage of over 150 years of coastal pleasure steamers around the coast of Wales.

Paul Doubler, spokesman for the Balmoral, said: "We look forward very much to returning to our home waters of the Bristol Channel, for what we hope will be a very busy and successful time for the ship.

"*Balmoral* was the UK Historic Fleets flagship of the Year 2016, and is Britain's most travelled coastal excursion ship."

Following her main summer season, *Balmoral* will spend 14 days in September on the north Wales coastline doing many exciting cruises from Llandudno, Menai Bridge, and other places sailing to Liverpool, around the Isle of Anglesey which is a cruise unique to *Balmoral*.

Then she will go to Glasgow and the Clyde for a week, before ending her season back home again on the Bristol Channel between September 28 and October 2.

Her summer holiday timetable is packed full of popular trips and cruises, there is something for everyone; from short couple of hour trips, to half days, and full long day voyages of exploration, excitement and fun.

To book your tickets go to the White Funnel website at www.whitefunnel.co.uk or telephone 0117 325 6200 for further information.

Tickets can also be bought on board on the day from the purser – subject to availability.

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HOPE PROJECT IS MAKING HEADWAY AT BRYN HAFREN!

AN arty collaboration between Bryn Hafren pupils, Elevate and Headway Cardiff took off with flying colours in the last week of term at Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School in Barry.

The Hope Project was organised by Elevate, a Big Lottery-funded coaching and mentoring charity working in secondary schools in the Vale of Glamorgan and Headway Cardiff, who are a charity that provide services to people with acquired brain injuries, and their families and carers.

Bryn Hafren pupils and Headway service-users and staff all volunteered and showed real commitment and enthusiasm. In the project, they created art pieces that reflected how they had overcome their particular struggles and challenges, and then presented it to each other, with a final piece of art they did all together.

Clients of Headway Cardiff told of how they had to overcome difficulties of expressing the emotional issues of their personal experience, but also how this had helped them to reflect. Chris Jones, a Headways client said that the project had helped him to "open up to people, because everyone has problems, just talking will help".

The two groups met on July 18 at Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School, after spending months committed to producing their artwork.

Initial nerves soon gave way to a sense of all-round rapport as people opened courageously about what their artistic creations meant to them, and their journey of hope, despite difficulties.

The themes that came across from all were the courage, determination and hope, the vital role the charities had provided played in enabling them to not only survive periods of darkness and loss, but also to encounter unexpected joy and achievement in their lives. Sharing personal stories brought a sense of hope to the group and fostered a sense of compassion and respect for one another.

Nathan, a Headway service-user, said: "The views of younger children really opened my eyes. This is amazing. I feel honoured that I have been part of it." Georgia, a Bryn Hafren pupil, spoke about how sharing and hearing the personal stories had made her realise she needed to feel proud: "I learned that it's good to challenge adversity and to hold my head up proud about who I am."

Brenda, a Headways service user, mentioned that it was "so important to work with young people and to close ages gaps and overcome prejudices". The groups finished the day with a collaborative art piece where they all shared their new insights gained from their day together.

One insight read: "Acceptance, understanding of other people, I see a new perspective." The new piece certainly conveyed the sense of hope that had come from the overall process.

At the end of the day, the feeling was that everybody wanted to stay in touch and work together on future projects, and each group expressed a better understanding of each other.

Rhian, a support worker for Headway, said: "Absolutely inspirational. More projects like this would vastly improve society, as it creates unilateral understanding and acceptance of each other."

The Hope Project was put forward by Elevate, which works with secondary school pupils by providing one-to-one support through trained volunteers and staff. We at Elevate believe everyone is aspirational, and at times gets stuck moving forward, but with the right support they can be encouraged to take the next steps to overcome the barriers they face.

Elevate and Headway are always looking for volunteers to support their work. Find out more at www.headway.cardiff and at www.elevate.community , about how you can become involved. Call 01446 400794.

Kantz Misra
Project manager/director

Famous names bear the brunt of a howling Porthcawl gale at the British Senior Open

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THE Royal Porthcawl hosted the British Senior Open presented by Rolex last week, and it is fair to say that the course showed several sides of its character.

On Thursday (round one, and Sunday (round four) the links course was tough but fair, while on Saturday, round three, the benign conditions led to good scoring.

However, and what a however it is, Porthcawl showed its teeth on the Friday, as strong winds and horizontal rain left competitors battered, bruised, and in some cases utterly defeated.

As luck would have it, GEM photographer Glyn Evans was out and about on the Friday, spotting famous golfing names and, not surprisingly, they were short of smiles!

Bernhard Langer (*above*) knuckled down and got round in 74, on his way to a four-round total of 280 (four under par).

He clearly likes the Royal, as when the tournament was played here in 2014, the quiet and determined German was the victor then as well.

His reward for his all-round high quality golf was a cheque for €266,923.

The defending champion, Paul Broadhurst (*below*) had a poor start, with two 75s, but then had a 67 and a 73 to finish on 290 (six over par) and had the consolation of a cheque for €20,591.

The total prize fund, incidentally, was £1.5 million.

Colin Montgomerie (*below right*) had a 76 in the wind on the Friday, and eventually finished one shot behind Broadhurst, with a cheque for €16,171.

ABOVE: Jose Maria Olazabal did not have a lot to smile about, finishing on 297, (13 over)

ABOVE: Ian Woosnam kept going, but finished on a total of 296, 12 over par.

John Daly took 80 in the Friday gale, and had to resort to waterproofs, which were not as colourful as his usual golf trousers !

ABOVE: Sir Nick Faldo had to foght back after a 79 on day one and finished on 16 over..

ABOVE: Tom Watson finished on 7 over, with a third round 67 his best score.

Miguel Angel Jiminez was rarely without his trademark cigar. He was well down the field after two rounds, but a storming 65 in round three brought him back into the mix. However, a last round 73 meant an 11th place finish on three over (287) – and a consolation cheque for €28,447.

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Ramblers set off on a 2,000 miles challenge

BRIDGEND Ramblers have set themselves a challenge for the month of August – to walk a total of 2,000 miles between them.

The club has more than 100 members who walk regularly, so an average of 20 miles a month is not overly ambitious.

Some of the longer walkers may walk 20 miles a week, whereas the Thursday strollers only walk three or four miles once a fortnight.

There are 18 walks in total on the programme (see www.bridgendrmblers.co.uk) for the month of August, so the walkers need to average 120 miles per walk.

Eleven walkers going 11 miles on a long walk will deliver the goods, but 24 walkers are needed on the five-mile Sunday short walk.

As well as the programmed walks, dog walkers and strollers are welcome; all contributions will be accepted.

The Ramblers' website www.walespedometerchallenge.org.uk will be used to record their efforts and progress.

Anyone wishing to record their walking can do so at this site and use it as a personal challenge to extend their walking exercise.

Regular walking has numerous health benefits, not purely to improve general fitness but also to counteract some physical and psychological issues. Walking with a group of others also has social benefits.

Don't forget – you're only two feet away from a good walk; look down and you'll see them!

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Sweet set-up at Bridgend's first dessert cafe!

WELSH Government-funded Bridgend Communities First and Communities for Work have assisted Kate Buche and Emma Hamawand in their determination to set up Bridgend's first dessert café.

Kate and Emma at Adi's cafe, Bridgend.

With free training, support and guidance, Kate and Emma gained the skills and confidence to become self-employed, and open their new venture.

They both have close knit families and friends, many of whom have dietary requirements or preferences. This inspired them to research setting up a local dessert café – "where everyone could come, regardless of their requirements, and enjoy a wide choice of good quality, flavoursome, locally-sourced desserts."

What advice would they give to anyone else in the community looking to set up a business? "Do your research, work hard, and plan! It's a long process, but if you put in the groundwork it will be much easier. Also, see what courses and guidance you can get for free in your local area, because this saved us money and gave us the additional skills and confidence that we needed."

Kate and Emma signed up and completed accredited courses run by Bridgend Communities First, including cake decorating, food safety and first aid. After completing the food safety course, the pair achieved a five-star food hygiene rating.

For further details on courses and support available, call Bridgend Communities First, on 01656 643514, or email commfirstbridgend.co.uk

ST CLARE'S TEAM SMASH THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE FOR CHARITY

A team comprising staff from Porthcawl's independent school, St Clare's, set themselves a towering challenge and embarked on the gruelling Three Peaks Challenge, hoping to raise at least £500 for The Global Fund for Children UK Trust.

The four-strong team left Porthcawl in 26 degrees of sunshine and drove straight up to Yorkshire and camped overnight before scaling Scafell Pike.

They then drove to Scotland, camping again, before tackling Ben Nevis, where it was -2°C and covered in thick mist! The final challenge was to summit Snowdon, the highest mountain in Wales.

Kathy Phillips, who organised the punishing challenge, said: "We wanted to raise as much money as we could for this worthwhile cause, and we hope that the money raised will make a real difference to children on the edges of society".

St Clare's School has built a reputation for its fundraising for charities. Headmaster Simon Antwis commented:

"Every year we are overwhelmed by the way in which our staff dedicate themselves to fundraising and we try to support them in any way we can. We're immensely proud of their achievement."

St Clare's Three Peaks Challenge Team

MP praises plan to 'give young people a voice'

MP for Ogmore, Chris Elmore, has welcomed the Welsh Government's proposals to extend the right to vote at local elections to 16-year-olds.

He commented: "While the UK Government continues to ignore young people at every turn, I'm delighted to see the Welsh Government proposing to give 16-year-olds a bigger stake in our democracy".

Mark Drakeford AM, Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, recently announced the move alongside proposals to introduce electronic voting, permit voting at places other than traditional polling stations, and holding polling days on different days of the week.

Mr Elmore added: "The Welsh Government's proposals will help to digitise our democracy, and I'm thrilled to see Wales leading the way in making our political system more progressive and open".

The proposals are currently out to consultation for a 12-week period and he wanted to "encourage as many people as possible to add their suggestions, as part of this process."

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Referendum an 'advisory vote' '84 per cent of us did NOT vote for Brexit'

THE insidious claim that 84 per cent of people voted for Brexit in the general election, calculated by lumping together everyone who voted Conservative, Labour and Ukip, is totally untenable and I object to being counted in this ridiculous percentage simply because I voted Labour.

I did not vote for Brexit.

Both Conservative and Labour parties include a wide range of views on Brexit. After all, David Cameron was so convinced his Tory party would vote Remain, he threw out the challenge of the referendum to chastise his Leavers.

hey couldn't all have changed their minds on such a slender majority based so much on misleading claims.

Neither did many of the Labour leaders and MPs – who no doubt voted Labour – vote Brexit.

Some have made this clear in voice and voting in Parliament.

Among them is Ann Clwyd MP for the Cynon Valley, one of the people now calling for the Labour Party to campaign positively in opposition to Brexit.

As the Brexit process moves forward and the damage it threatens becomes more evident, she points out it is 'perfectly legitimate' to oppose any course of action that would be 'bad for Britain' and that 'damages our economy and destroys jobs'.

She draws attention to acute concerns coming from manufacturing, farming, universities, aviation, hospitals, energy and elsewhere and urges that we should 'distance ourselves from such a disaster now'.

In a democracy, she says, it is always possible for people 'to think again and choose another direction'.

She points out the referendum was 'an advisory vote won by a very narrow majority on the basis of what turned out to be a pack of lies'.

Against that, she says, people are increasingly aware of falling living standards, rising inflation, slowing growth and lower productivity.

No, 84 per cent of us did not vote for Brexit – especially for the chaotic Tory Brexit that seems aimed at making the UK a low tax haven for big business.

Jean Silvan Evans, Peterson-super-Ely.

Not exclusive to the Welsh!

ALADÁR GEREVICH needs to understand that the English language is often used loosely

(GEM letter, July 27, headed – 'Not everyone in Wales is Welsh').

'Welsh' is often used to mean 'of Wales'. 'Welsh people' can mean 'all people living in Wales' – though Welsh citizens would be better terminology. A 'Welsh' charity means a charity 'operating in Wales', not exclusively for the Welsh.

When Mr Gerevich lived in England he would have come across organisations that described themselves as in some way 'English', e.g. English Heritage.

Did he think that he, as a Hungarian, was excluded from their activities?

Did he write to the press and claim that such organisations were racist? I suspect not.

Does he think that a company calling itself 'Welsh Water' would only supply water to people identifying themselves as Welsh?

His comparison with European wars and ethnic hatred in the Balkans is absurd.

Would Mr Gerevich's friends please set him straight?

Niclas Ap Glyn, Penarth

UWC Atlantic College project rated one of the world's greatest engineering feats

WORLD famous engineering projects, such as Concorde, Alan Turing's cipher decoder, the Channel Tunnel, London's Tower Bridge, and the Jaguar E Type, are some of the greatest the world has ever seen – and now a prestigious award will see a project from Atlantic College take its place next to these icons.

The rigid hull inflatable boat (RIB), developed in the 1960s by Rear-Admiral Desmond Hoare, the founding Principal of UWC Atlantic College, that became the world's most widely-used craft for inshore rescue, has been awarded the Institution of Mechanical Engineers' Engineering Heritage Award.

The awards recognise irreplaceable artefacts to celebrate and raise public awareness for the vital role mechanical engineering plays in modern life.

Initially conceived by Rear-Admiral Hoare, the early RIB X craft were built and test-driven along the dramatic Bristol Channel coastline by Atlantic College students.

Now known as the Atlantic Class, the design, which developed from the original 'X Alpha' prototype, revolutionised maritime rescue worldwide and became the model for RNLI inshore boats across Britain.

The patent for the RIB was created by Rear-Admiral Hoare who donated it to the RNLI for £1 in 1973, and a copy of the still uncashed cheque hangs in a frame on a wall at the college.

The development of the RIB commenced shortly after the college's opening at the 12th century St Donat's Castle near Llantwit Major in 1962. Today, UWC Atlantic College is recognised as the founding member of the global United World Colleges education movement.

A key element of the award was the college's work in the restoration, exhibition and use of one of the original RIBs, known by the name 'X Alpha', which the Institution's Heritage Committee recognise as an important engineering artefact.

Accepting the award on behalf of the college and the late Rear-Admiral Desmond Hoare, UWC Atlantic College Principal Peter T Howe, said:

"It is an honour to have the Institution of Mechanical Engineers recognise the work of our first principal and the earliest students of our college to develop the RIB.

"The legacy of building, testing, and refining rescue boat design continues here to this day, as does the humanitarian spirit that saw the patent gifted to the RNLI for the saving of lives."

Speaking at the celebration event, Carolyn Griffiths, president of The Institution of Mechanical Engineers, said: "The development of X Alpha, one of the very first RIBs, is a fantastic example of UK engineering.

"The impressive innovation of developing a high-performance hull, inflatable tubes, open transom and powerful engines was a step change in maritime rescue.

"Its pioneering success led directly to the development of RNLI Atlantic Class lifeboats and has helped save countless lives at sea."

The committee also praised the college's work in continuing the legacy of the RIB to support humanitarian projects across the globe.

UWC Atlantic College alumni have also travelled to Lesbos, to serve as volunteer boat crew with the Atlantic Pacific International Rescue Boat Project.

This work has alumni putting the lifesaving skills they have developed at the college to protect the lives of refugees who have been forced to brave the perilous Mediterranean Sea crossing.

The Institution of Mechanical Engineers was established in 1847 and has some of the world's greatest engineers in its history books.

The Institution's president, Carolyn Griffiths, joined UWC Atlantic College staff and students at the historic castle campus to present the plaque, which will officially mark the site where the first RIB was created by Rear-Admiral Desmond Hoare and his students.

The portrait of the late Rear-Admiral Desmond Hoare, with college principal Peter T Howe and Carolyn Griffiths, president of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers.

Carolyn Griffiths addresses guests at the celebration event.

'No case made for the Northern Access Road' – SAYS WELSH TORY LEADER

THE Welsh Government has failed to make a business case for the proposed Northern Access Road to the Enterprise Zone in St Athan, claims South Wales Central regional AM, Andrew RT Davies.

Calling on Ministers to scrap the plans, the Welsh Tory leader referred to several questions he had asked in the Assembly over the past few weeks, saying they had failed to counter suggestions that upgrading the existing road infrastructure would be sufficient.

The road is set to cost £15 million, but Mr Davies has called for that money to be put towards other infrastructure projects in the Vale.

Over 100 people attended a public meeting in Llanmaes last week and in a show of hands, all present voted against the road.

Unlike the proposed road, the Dinas Powys by-pass has widespread local support, with many people believing it will solve congestion problems between Cardiff and Barry in the eastern Vale. Mr Davies said he has written to cabinet secretary for economy and infrastructure, Ken Skates AM, asking him to scrap plans for the Northern Access Road – and instead put the money towards delivering the by-pass.

He went on: "I have raised concerns about the lack of a business case for the Northern Access Road on several occasions and, sadly, Welsh Government Ministers have failed to make it. There is widespread local opposition, with many people feeling the road is unnecessary.

"With no evidence to the contrary, the logical step is for us to upgrade the existing road infrastructure and that way we can all get on with making the St Athan Enterprise Zone the success we want it to be.

"I have, therefore, called on the Cabinet Secretary to scrap plans for the Northern Access Road and put the money towards the Dinas Powys by-pass instead.

"We have a situation where residents in one part of the Vale are vehemently opposed to a new road, while in another part, residents are campaigning hard in support of one.

"It seems illogical not to put the money towards a project people want, as opposed to one that has been the source of many local concerns."

New headteacher is appointed to Pencoed Comprehensive School

GOVERNORS at the Pencoed Comprehensive School have appointed Mr Edward Jones as headteacher.

Mr Jones, who will commence duties on September 1, has served as deputy headteacher at Ysgol Gyfun Plasmawr, Cardiff, for the past eight years.

"He is delighted to have the opportunity to lead a vastly-improving school and take it forward to further excellence," a spokeperson said.

Mr Jones replaces Mr David George, who has served Pencoed Comprehensive for 28 years, the last seven as headteacher.

Man 'set upon'

Police issue appeal

POLICE officers investigating an assault in Pyle are appealing for any witnesses to come forward.

A spokeswoman said: "At around 3am on Sunday, July 30, a man was set upon by a group of approximately four other men.

"He was pushed to the ground and kicked while on the floor.

"The assault occurred near the mini roundabout by Pyle Life Centre."

Anyone who witnessed the attack, or saw men acting suspiciously in the area around the time of the incident, is asked to call 101, quoting reference number 1700295480.

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THE end of term saw the first ever 'proms concert' in the grounds of St Mary and St Patricks Catholic School, Maesteg.

While the audience sat on the lawns, the children entertained them with a wide variety of music.

Singers, guitarists, violinists, cellists, and others all played their part in providing an evening of classical and modern music.

Refreshment was on hand for the audience and the evening proved to be highly entertaining, with the children having their first experience of performing in a concert.

Miss Wales is a wow with Crystal and the other fans at Dogs Trust Bridgend!

THERE were wagging tails aplenty when Miss Wales, Hannah Williams, visited the pooches at Dogs Trust Bridgend last week.

Bridgend-born Hannah (24), was eager to meet up with as many dogs as possible, but got lots of licks from the rehoming centre's very own beauty queen, crossbreed Crystal.

Just like her human counterpart, seven-year-old Crystal could win a few beauty contests herself and was at home as she showed off her best side while posing for photos.

Ahead of her trip to China where she represents the country at Miss World, the staff gave Hannah a tour of the centre where she learnt more about the dogs in their care, as well as the work of Dogs Trust in Wales.

Hannah said: "I'm a huge dog lover and as a local girl, I've always wanted to come and visit Dogs Trust Bridgend, so I'm really pleased that I have finally been able to.

"It's wonderful to see the dogs so happy, relaxed and loved and I'm sure they'll all find their forever homes soon. I have met so many fantastic dogs at the centre, but I'm especially routing for Crystal, who is a total gem of a dog."

• *If you would like to give Crystal a home, telephone the Rehoming Centre on 0300 303 0292; or call in at Court Colman, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan, CF31 4NG.*

Dogs Trust Bridgend cares for around 80 abandoned and unwanted dogs at any one time and rehomes 800 dogs a year.

The two beauty queens smile happily for the camera.

Llangan Garden Club digs for victory in school tournament

Members of Llangan Garden Club line up to receive their certificate from Chris Flynn and Mary Wallis.

A NEW venture took place this year at Cowbridge Rotary Club, when they held a gardening competition for local primary schools.

The 'Schools' Garden Competition' reached its climax recently with the judging and awards ceremony held at Llangan and Y Bont Faen Primary Schools.

A spokesperson said: "Very well done to the garden club at Llangan, who were the winners in the competition judged by experts Chris Flynn, Head Gardener at Dyffryn Gardens and Mary Wallis from the Cowbridge Physic Garden.

"The competition was very close, with Y Bont Faen Garden Club being awarded a well-merited certificate of achievement.

"The judges were particularly impressed with the commitment of staff, parents and garden club members at both schools, and agreed that both gardens were a credit to their schools."

Cowbridge Rotary plans to run the competition again next year.

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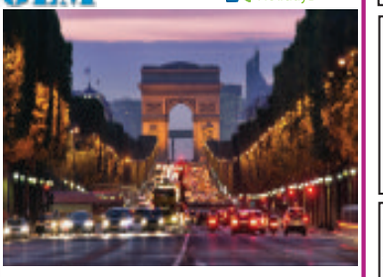

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Wilfred Leslie 'Les'

Peacefully on July 27th at Bellavista Nursing Home, Barry. Les well known for his time at Ranks Mill, Barry Docks. Loving husband of the late Phyllis, much loved dad to Dave, Kevin, Glyn and the late Barrie. Adored father-in-law to Sue, Teri, Shayne and Teresa. Cherished grampy to all his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Les will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting in the private chapel of The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until a celebration of his life at Merthyr Dyfan Chapel, Barry on Friday, August 11th at 11.45am, followed by interment at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, Barry. Flowers may be sent to the funeral home. Donations if desired may be made at the service or via Les's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk where you are also welcome to leave your personal memories and messages. All donations to support Alzheimer's Society in memory of Les.

Funeral Arrangements entrusted to Ben Hartery 01446 407962.

DAVIES
Dorothy Jeanette 'Dot' (Née Shier)

Peacefully on July 27th at home, Dot, beloved wife of the late John, much loved mum of Royston, Alison and Angela. Special mother-in-law of Geoff and Russell. A cherished nan of Jonathan, Kirsty, Lauren, Shannay and Joshua.

She will be greatly missed by all her family and many friends.

Dot is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her service at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Barry on Friday, August 11th at 1.45pm, followed by Cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Family floral tributes only please. Donations if desired may be made at the service or via Dot's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk where you are also invited to leave your personal messages and memories. All donations received to support Marie Curie Hospice in memory of Dot.

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TAYLOR
Captain Orlidge Craven

Peacefully on July 24th at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, Orlie, aged 92 years sadly passed away. He was well known for his time as a Bristol Channel Pilot and whom was a devoted and adored husband, father, grandfather and brother.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Orlie is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until a celebration of his life at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Monday, 14th August at 2pm.

Family floral tributes only. Donations may be made at the service towards the provision of pillows at The Cardiff & Vale University Health Board.

HARRHY
Leslie Ernest

Peacefully at the Princess of Wales Hospital Bridgend, Les, aged 91years of St Athan. Beloved husband of Anita, much loved by all his family and will be sadly missed.

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WHITTAKER
Gordon

Peacefully in his sleep at College Fields Nursing Home, Barry on July 20th. Gordon, formerly of Swansea but latterly of Holly Court, Barry. Dearly beloved husband of the late Megan, much loved dad of Geoff and the late Howard, adored bampy to all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until his funeral service in the chapel on Monday, August 7th at 12 noon, followed by cremation at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 1pm. Family flowers only but donations, in lieu of flowers, if desired, to Help For Heroes.

WHITE
Malcolm David

Sadly after a long illness at Barry Hospital on 25th July 2017, Malcolm, aged 85 years. Beloved husband of Marilyn, much loved dad to Amanda, David and Jeremy, also a loved and cherished grandad.

Malcolm will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Tuesday, 8th August 2017 at 10am, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. Flowers may be sent to the funeral home.

PLATER
Maddie (Holdaway)

Peacefully at Holme Tower on Tuesday, 25th July 2017, Maddie, aged 69 years. Beloved mum to Helen and Tracey. Much loved grandmother to Danielle, Leonie, Sammy, Lily-Belle and Gabby.

Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at Park Funeral Directors, 7 Tynewdd Road, Barry until the service on Friday, 11th August at St Mary's Church, Wenvoe at 11am, followed by committal at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road at 12 Noon. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if desired, to Marie Curie Holme Tower.

BALL
June (Née Huxham)

Peacefully at Barry Hospital on 1st August 2017, June, aged 89 years. Beloved wife of the late Dennis, much loved mum of David, Jonny and the late Sam, also daughter-in-laws Suzanne and Pauline. A cherished grandma to James, Joel, Harrison, Elliot and Deklan.

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Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at All Saints Church on Wednesday, 9th August at 3pm, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium.

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MEPHAM
Brian John (Meph)

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HEWITSON
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CLEMO
Joseph Raymond (Joe)

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Joe will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Wednesday, 9 August. Service in the chapel at 12 noon, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry. Family flowers only, donations, if desired may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Morriston Hospital for Pancreatic Ward.

SMALL
Margaret 'Betty'

Peacefully at Barry Community Hospital on the 20th July, aged 85, Betty, formerly of Dinas Powys. Beloved wife of Tony, a much loved mum of John and daughter-in-law of Linda. A cherished grandmother to Laura, Anthony and Debbie. Great grandmother to Dylan and Emmie.

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MEPHAM
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WALKER
Barbara

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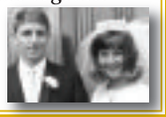

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I would like to thank the staff at Waitrose. I fell, not in supermarket, but was buying plasters for my wound. When the assistant saw it she immediately called a member of staff to clean and dress the wound. She even checked in my shopping at no charge. They were all extremely kind and I want to thank them all for their kindness. They were very caring.

Dorothy Isaac

Public Notices

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

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Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2017/00679/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig:	Variation to original 2014/00860/LBC seeking minor external changes to doors and window openings, removal and reinstatement of stone wall.
Location:/Lleoliad:	Former Mortuary Building, Hayes Point, Sully
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Grade II*

Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2017/00724/RES
Proposal:/Cynnig:	Approval of all reserved matters on outline consent 2014/00282/OUT
Location:/Lleoliad:	Land at Caerleon Road, Dinas Powys
Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2017/00746/RES
Proposal:/Cynnig:	Approval of all matters reserved including Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale and the subsequent discharge of planning conditions 2 (Reserved Matters), 6 (Drainage), 10 (Tree Protection), 12 (Slab levels), 16 (Noise Assessment) attached to the Outline Permission (Ref: 2015/00392/OUT)
Location:/Lleoliad:	Land off Cardiff Road/Cross Common Road, Dinas Powys

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via **http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/**

Gall manylion eu harchwilio am 21 diwrnod yn y cyfeiriad a roddir isod, neu drwy **http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/**

Dated / Dyddiedig: 3 August, 2017

V. L. Robinson
Operational Manager, Regeneration and Planning, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT

Public Notices

DEDDF PRIFFYRDD 1980
GORCHYMYN FFORDD DDOSBARTHIADOL YR A4226 (FIVE MILE LANE) FFYRDD YMYL CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2016

HYSBYSIR DRWY HYN fod Gweinidogion Cymru wedi cadarnhau'r Gorchymyn uchod a rwaed gan Gyngor Bro Morgannwg o dan Adrannau 14 a 125 o Ddeddf Priffyrdd 1980 ac sydd, fel yr i cadarnhawyd, yn awdurdodi'r Cyngor i:-

a. gwneud y gwaith o wella'r priffyrdd;
b. rau pelffyrdd new terfau o bellfyrdd;
c. adeiladu priffyrdd newydd;
d. rau mynediadau preifat i fangreoedd;
e. darpera mynediadau newydd i fangreoedd; ac
f. adeiladwaith ategolion eraill

all yng nghylfirnau'r A4226 (Five Mile Lane) o'r de o Blackland Farm, Treforlwyn (ac chyffiniau'r Chylchfan Waycock Cross, Port Road, y Barri yn Bro Morgannwg.

Gellir edrych ar gopïau o'r Gorchymyn, fel y'i cadarnhawyd, a'r planiau perthnasol yn rhad ac am dâl ac ar bob adeg resonol yn swyddfeydd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Swyddfeydd Dinesig, Heol Holton, y Barri CF63 4RU ac Yr Alpau, Heol y Chwarel, Gwenfô CF5 6JU, ac yn swyddfeydd yr Arolygiaeth Gynllunio, Adeiladau'r Goron, Parc Cathays, Caerdydd CF10 3NQ.

Gall unrhyw berson a drangweddir gan y Gorchymyn, ac sy'n dymuno herio ei ddilysrwydd, neu ddilysrwydd unrhyw ddarpariaeth sydd ynddo, wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys o fewn 6 wythnos i 3 Awst 2017, yn gofyn am ataliad neu ddileddyniad Gorchymyn, neu am ataliad neu ddileddyniad unrhyw ddarpariaeth a geir ynddo. Gellir herio'r Gorchymyn ar y sail nad yw o fewn pwerau Deddf Priffyrdd 1980, neu am na chydymffurfiwyd ag unrhyw ofynion o'r Ddeddf honno, neu ag unrhyw reoliadau a wnaed o dan y Ddeddf honno, a tan y Gorchymyn

M D BURNELL
Trafnidiaeth, Llywodraeth Cymru

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
A4226 (FIVE MILE LANE) CLASSIFIED ROAD SIDE ROADS ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Welsh Ministers have confirmed the above Order which was made by the Vale of Glamorgan Council under Sections 14 and 125 of the Highways Act 1980 and which, as confirmed, authorises the Council to:-

a. carry out the improvement of highways;
b. stop up highways or areas of highway;
c. construct new highways;
d. stop up private means of access to premises;
e. provide new means of access to premises; and
f. other accommodation works

all in the vicinity of the A4226 (Five Mile Lane) from south of Blackland Farm, Barry/Vale to its junction with Waycock Cross Roundabout, Port Road Barry in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Copies of the Order, as confirmed, and of the relevant plans may be inspected free of charge at all reasonable hours at the offices of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU and The Alps, Quarry Road, Wenvoe CF5 6JU and at the Offices of the Planning Inspectorate, Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ.

Any person aggrieved by the Order and desiring to question the validity thereof, or of any provision contained therein, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, or on the ground that any requirement of that Act, or of any regulations made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Order may, within 6 weeks of 3 August 2017, apply to the High Court for the suspension or quashing of the Order, or of any provision contained therein.

M D BURNELL
Transport, Welsh Government

Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Gellir cael copi o'r Hysbysiad hwn mewn print brasach gan Y Gangen Orchmynion, Trafnidiaeth, Llywodraeth Cymru, Parc Cathays, Caerdydd CF10 3NQ.
A copy of this Notice in larger print can be obtained from Orders Branch, Transport, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ.

Vital win for the Barry Wanderers

THE weather was kind to Barry Wanderers first team as the game at Machen went ahead, while the home game fell foul to the weather.

Machen were the only team below the Wanderers at the start of play and it was almost a 'must win' game with a strong team making the trip, while Machen were missing a few.

The first surprise for many was the game going ahead and the second was that James Hassett won the toss and promptly put Machen in.

The rain was due to come in at 4pm so that meant time was also against there being a result.

Despite a dropped catch from the second ball of the innings, a great start was had by Barry as Machen were 8 for 3, with Rhodri Jones taking a safe catch in the deep and Kunal Mhadgut taking a wonderful catch to remove the Machen captain, Caddy, at short extra cover.

Despite a recovery and three useful knocks in the 20s from three Machen batsmen, they never really got going and were all out for 126.

Hassett moved himself to forward short leg to take a catch, and Aled Hughes took a diving catch at slip to remove the very dangerous Fussell.

In all, they took eight catches including one from stand-in keeper, George Allen, who performed admirably in Matt Anderson`s absence.

Tea was not ready so there were 10 overs in the Wanderers' reply before the break.

It was clear that it wasn't an easy wicket to bat on and the slow outfield meant that full value was not always granted to shots along the ground.

Still, a target of 127 was one that should be in reach and the weather now was estimated to come in at 5 o clock.

However, George Allen fell for a duck with the score on seven to a good ball and a send-off from the bowler. He then realised his bat was broken. If he had hit the ball he may have found out earlier.

The tea break was taken after 10 overs with the score on 36 for 1 but the break did for Neil Blundell, who was bowled after hitting the ball on to his pads and rolling back to remove the bails.

There was a slight wobble as both Hornby and Hassett, who had reached 16 and 14 respectively both fell lbw with the score on 57.

The very talented but short of runs on a Saturday pair, Aled Hughes and Kunal Mhadgut then took the game away from Machen with a partnership of 70 where both players looked back to their best.

It still wasn't easy out in the middle but both played some quality shots and reached the total with 16 overs to spare as the clouds gathered – just before the heavens opened.

Kunal finished with 31 to his name and Hughes 29 as the full 20 points was gathered.

This leaves Machen adrift somewhat at the bottom of Division Three of the south-east Wales cricket league while the Wanderers elevated themselves out of the relegation zone but it is very tight with Creigiau on 108, Monkswood a point more and the Wanderers on 117.

Assuming Machen go down it seems the other relegation spot will be filled with one of these three teams.

There are still 100 points to play for and the weather could have a say but the Wanderers will be happy with a clinical performance and hope to be equally as clinical against a strong Vale team on Saturday.

The seconds are away at Vale and the Sunday team are yet to have a fixture confirmed but hope to this week.

AF

MILLIE GETS GB CALL-UP

Congratulations to Millie Wiggins of Rhoose Lifeguard Club on being selected for the Great Britain Youth Surf Lifesaving Team.

Millie secured one of only six places in the under-18s team despite being only 15 years old on the day of selection, and is one of only two athletes from Wales in the youth team.

She will now compete for Great Britain in September at the European Surf Lifesaving Championships in Ostend, Belgium.

Club captain Simon Parker said "Millie joins a long line of Rhoose club members who have represented GB at European and World championships, but she is probably the youngest to have gained international selection and this is an outstanding achievement."

Steve Baker, Rhoose junior squad coach, stated: "We are extremely proud of Millie. She set herself a goal and through hard work and determination she has achieved it.

"It has been a pleasure to be one of the many coaches on her journey to get where she is today."

The club wishes Millie good luck in September and will looks forward to following her progress at the European Championships.

SP

Farmers enjoy a golfing day out!

THE monthly meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was held last Thursday at St Mellons Golf Club attended by 33 competitors with excellent prizes supplied by the day's generous sponsors, Cowbridge-based Maesglas Veterinary Group.

This annual four-ball better-ball competition was keenly contested with just a few points separating the leading groups.

At the close of play Mark Rees, partnered with David Williams, were declared the overall winners with a final score of 40 stableford points to collect the Maesglas Veterinary Group Shied.

In second place with 38 points was Geraint Davies and Julian Kelly followed by John Thomas and Gwyn Thomas, who scored 37 points.

In the section for visitors the sponsor's guests Neil Boobyer and Lyn Davies, with a final score of 33 points, took the honours just ahead of Geoff Smith and Geoff Moore.

Nearest the pin on the Watts & Morgan sponsored par-3 holes were John Caines (two), Gareth Perkins, Mike Lee and Brian Jones.

Lynn Davies hit the longest drive on the closing hole to collect the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge-sponsored prize.

Keith James correctly guessed 19 balls would fail to make the journey home that also raised £80 for the Alzeimers Society.

A notable absentee at St Mellons was Aubrey Bowen, the oldest member of the society. Aubrey was at home celebrating his 85th birthday and no doubt ignoring advice from 'Mrs B' and close family that he should perhaps consider playing less than four rounds a week!

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 31 at Creigiau Golf Club and will be kindly sponsored by Anthony Brown & Co, Estate Agents of Llantwit Major.

T.McC

Rain stops play for Centurions

SULLY Centurions hosted Vale CC last Saturday on a day that was dominated by the weather.

After losing Santosh Singh in the first over, Centurions' second wicket pair of David Goodway and Gethin Hicks pulled the game round in style.

Hicks was eventually out for 30 but Goodway went on to hit a very good 101 not out in the total of 198 for 4 at the end of the 45 overs.

In reply, Vale had reached 142 for 6 when the rain, which had been a problem all afternoon, finally put paid to the match. It was abandoned with 12 overs remaining.

Sully Centurions 198-4, Vale CC 142-6.

The second XI travelled up the A48 to play Vale second XI and beat the weather as well as the opposition to get their season back on track.

The conditions dictated that after winning the toss skipper Dave Sylvester put the hosts in to bat.

This proved to be a good decision as Vale were very soon in trouble with the scoreboard showing 18 for 3. But Merry (28) and Kelland (45) shared a fourth wicket partnership of 89 to give the hosts some hope.

However, this was followed by a devastating collapse, as the last six wickets fell for only 12 runs – leaving the score on 119 all out.

For Centurions Iwan Thomas (3 for 10 off 5 overs) and Jason Hicks (3 for 30 from 8) did most of the damage.

In reply, Jason Hicks followed his good bowling form with a well-made 43 before being stumped off the bowling of Merry.

With the middle order all chipping in with decent scores, the target was reached for the loss of five wickets in the 34th over.

Vale CC seconds 119 all out, Sully Centurions seconds 120-5.

This Saturday the first XI are away against Pontymister & Cross Keys, with the seconds at Burnham Avenue against Pontymister & Cross Keys second XI.

On Sunday the seconds will once again attempt to play the rearranged fixture at Machen.

All players are asked to contact Dave Sylvester or Jake Griffett with their availability.

MF

Great win for Belle Vue

BELLE VUE had a great win over Sully Sports, 68-55, 12 points to two points, on Wednesday, July 26.

With only 13 men, Belle Vue pulled off an amazing win against a full Sully side with three rinks winning and the other losing on the last end.

Rink one was the only losing rink, going down on the last end 16-13 with only three men. Lead was captain Frank Keen, No 3 was John Whitfield and skip was Dave Miller, who kept in the game all the way through.

Rink two had only three men as well, but won 17-13. Lead was Dave Bradley, No 3 was Richard Brant and skip was Trevor Ford.

Rink three was the only rink to have a full team, but they also were outstanding. Lead was Dave Rappitt, No 2 was Gordon Ford, who played his very best. No 3 was new coach Paul Paterson and the skip was Les Aubrey.

Rink four also played three men, with lead Paul Booth, No 3 John Allen and skip Barrie Bagwell, who, with his skilful bowling, made the final score in their rink 21-15.

A big thank you to Paul Booth for the excellent meal and thanks to Barrie Bagwell and Dave for running the bar and washing up!

FK

Good month for Rhoose ladies

RESULTS for Rhoose Bowls Club's ladies section continue with ongoing success.

July was once again a very successful month with no losses, and the results are as follows.

A home match against Sopia Gardens - rink 1 S Dance, M Thomas, D Gardner, J Hopkins 18 shots, Sophia Gardens 17 shots; rink 2. K Mortimer Brown, R Oxley Green, K Bladen, P Jupp 20 shots, Sophia Gardens 16 shots – an overall win by five shots.

The next match was away to Rhiwbina. On a rather heavy green the ladies managed to secure an overall win.

Rink 1 S Dance, S Slee, K Bladen, D Gardner 10 shots, Rhiwbina 12 shots; rink 2, C Barns, K Mortimer Brown, P Jupp. A Shears 19 shots, Rhiwbina 12 shots – once again an overall win by five shots.

The home match against Llanbradach was the final match in July with an outstanding win for Rhoose ladies.

Rink 1 J Green, Jo Hopkins, R Oxley Green, R Craig 32 shots, Llanbradach 2 shots; rink 2 K Bladen, B Harry, P Jupp. D Gardner 8 shots, Llanbradach 26 – overall win by 12 shots.

The ladies on rink two had two very young ladies against them, one being only 12 years old.

It was wonderful to see such young girls taking up this wonderful game of bowls, we wish more youngsters would give it a try.

On Sunday, July 30, the club held ther annual open pairs competition.

The mixed weather caused a few problems but did not dampen the spirits of those taking part.

The competition was on a round robin format and the eventual finalists were Paul Williams and Hugh Hupp against Phil Watts and Brian Shears.

Phil and Brian made a great start and seemed to be unbeatable. However, Paul and Hugh rallied to make a strong comback.

This was not to last as Phil and Brian once again dug deep to come out the winners.

Many congratulations to them.

Thanks must go to Brian Shears for the wonderful organisaton of the day, proving to be a great success.

RC

Barrivale Bridge Club results

THE Barrivale Bridge Club results for July 18 are as follows:

The winners were: first, Peter Millar and Mike Best 62.50 per cent; second, Reg Dyer and Ken Hannah 58.93 per cent; third, Mike Close and Mia Deschepper 57.14 per cent.

The handicap first place winners were Reg Dyer and Ken Hannah.

As always, new members are welcome at Barrivale Bridge Club and a partner may be arranged, if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively, players inexperienced or new may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address where lessons and play take place in a relaxed atmosphere.

Linda Houston

Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club results

THE results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for July 31 are as follows:

First, Phil Felman and Tony Disley – 64.77 per cent; second, Mari Jones and Christopher Rawlings – 61.36; joint third, Terri Pollard and Helen Barrie 6and David Birt and Mike Best – 60.42.

LE

Sevens event this weekend

TONDU RFC will be holding the 'Evz sevens' event at Coleg Cymunedol-Y-Dderwen on August 5.

There's a new format this year, an elite competition and community competition, both with eight teams. The top two in each group progress to the semi-finals, with third and fourth to the plate semi finals.

The groups are as follows: Elite A - Maesteg Quins, Campos', PC All-stars, Tondu EVs 7. Elite B - Hell yeah Cheers, Cardiff Met RFC, Maesteg RFC, Pencoed RFC. Community A - Nantymoel RFC, Portugal RFC, Bridgend Sports RFC, Bryncethin RFC. Community B - Graciela RFC, Blue Wolves, Cowbridge RFC, Llantwit Major RFC.

Fixtures are released on the day. Teams need to register by 9am with a 12 man squad maximum and players can only represent one team during the day.

Gates open at 9.30am and entry is £2 (under-16s go free) with fun attractions for all the family - follow the event on Twitter @EVZ7S.

MIKE SULLY

Barry RFC ready for new season

THE Barry RFC lottery numbers for last week were 02, 10, 12 and 18, the combination again failing to be matched.

This week's jackpot increases to £5,675.

With the main season just four weeks away Barry play the first of two pre-season friendlies on Saturday, August 5, when they entertain Treharris from Division 3 East Central, who narrowly missed out on promotion last season and who will bring stiff opposition to the Reservoir Field with the kick off at 2.30pm.

The following Saturday Barry play host to Lydney, who have, for the past two seasons, provided strong opposition and a friendly welcome to their club, last year being particularly eventful; again the kick off is at 2.30pm

The main season kicks off on Saturday, September 2 when Barry travel to newly-promoted Llantwit Fardre – a players and supporters coach will leave the club at 12.30pm.

AJ

Barry Athletic Club awarded donation

The councillors with club chairman, Dave Weston and club president, Alan Oliver.

DURING the recent grant presentation event held recently by Barry Town Council, Barry Athletic Club were awarded a donation.

The Town Council has been supportive of the Barry Athletic Club over the past years. This year, following the donation, the club decided to invite Town councillors to the club premises to see, first hand, the benefits that have been achieved with the aid of the council.

Barry Athletic, situated on Barry Island, comprises five separate sections, with a sixth (running section) about to join in the near future. Each section operates largely independently of the others, but under the umbrella of the Barry Athletic Club, where support is given centrally for the good of all sections and for the club as a whole.

Perhaps the most recognised feature of the club is the large green, which is occupied by the football and cricket sections. This year the club has, with the help of Barry Town Council, secured the purchase of a piece of land on which the cricket and football sections are heavily reliant. This has been a major step forward as the purchase of the land from ABP has given the club long term future security in its present location.

Barry Athletic Cricket Youth Section reformed back in 2014 and since restarting the junior section has seen over 140 new members. 70 of these are from the recent All Stars programme which was introduced to encourage 5 – 8 year olds into cricket in a fun way.

The eight-week programme started back in May and both Couns Nic and Shirley Hodges were in attendance at the first session and were very impressed to hear how the section has been developing and growing.

The under-9 and under-11 teams are thriving with support from a number of coaches (mainly parents). July 15 saw the youth section being Guard of Honour at the Glamorgan v Somerset game at the Swalec Stadium in Cardiff, where 40 junior members were in attendance.

The councillors were informed that next year the cricket section are hoping to progress to two under-9 and under-11 teams and encourage parents to become Level 1 and 2 qualified coaches. It was really interesting talking to councillors and looking at ways of funding to improve the clubhouse (used by both cricket and football sections) which is need of upgrading.

The interior has recently received attention and the roof is being replaced and renewed as funds permit.

Barry Athletic Football Club chairman, Ady Gratton said: "It was great to the show the Barry Town Council representatives around our facilities. We have received almost £2,000 from the council over the past five years, financial assistance has been provided for kit, goalposts, renewal of a leaking changing room roof and a heater for our clubhouse.

"The assistance ensures we can provide the best possible experiences for the local community." The football section now have several teams operating from the athletic club including several junior teams as well as established adult teams.

Dave Weston, club chairman pointed out to the councillors that it wasn't so long ago that the football team were really struggling and it really was a testament to the current members that the section is now thriving way beyond expectations of only a few years ago.

The councillors were then invited into the recently-refurbished club house of the bowls section and were able to see one of the best bowls greens in Wales.

Bowls chairman Richard Bowen was keen to point to the number of businesses, located and operating in Barry and the surrounding area, that are supporting the section.

Barry Athletic Bowls Club, now in its 106th year, has been a renowned force in Welsh bowls for decades having produced a number of international, and commonwealth and world level bowlers.

The club can offer one of the best playing surfaces in Wales and is regularly used by county and national associations to host prestigious bowls events in Wales. The club competes at the highest level of bowls in Wales having won the national club championship on two occasions, and fields three competitive teams every week during the season.

The club is also enjoying a resurgence in membership with over 65 members and has developed an ambitious five year plan to build strength and depth in both playing and administrative capability, in order to ensure a sustainable model for the future.

There is a strong social side to the club and a warm welcome awaits any potential members. Accompanying the successful competitive teams, there are opportunities for those who have never tried bowling to come and try in a friendly environment.

Next stop for the councillors was to see and hear the Vale of Glamorgan Brass Band.

Approximately 10 years ago the band were searching for new premises, and while doing one of their annual concerts in the Barry Athletic Club, the officers pointed to a disused building that could be suitable. The rest, as they say, is history and music-making in the Barry Athletic Club is now a regular occurrence.

The Vale of Glamorgan Brass Band were delighted to invite the Mayor and Mayoress of Barry to watch them practice on Tuesday night (normally Monday). Nic and Shirley were treated to a rousing version of 'Sweet Caroline', written by Neil Diamond.

The Band has benefited from financial support in recent years from the Town Council to improve their facility at the athletic club complex. A new teaching / practice room has been constructed and recently the kitchen area has been completely renewed.

The councillors were pointed to various instruments that the council has helped purchase over the years, including timpani and a gong. The training band has not been neglected and Dave Short, musical director, was keen to point out that the training band is the future of the band. Several of the senior band players had come through the training sector of the band.

The councillors were shown the training band instruments ready use with new classes starting in September. With the cost and availability of instruments and lessons ever increasing, the Vale of Glamorgan Band offers the chance to play a whole array of brass and percussion instruments at a very low cost with all instruments provided.

The Band meet on a Monday night and are always happy to welcome new members, particularly young people who want to learn and develop their musical skills.

The final section to visit was the tennis section. Athletic Club president and keen tennis player, Alan Oliver was keen to show off the facilities with club treasurer, Harry Morgan.

The councillors were appreciative of the four courts and the well maintained shrubbery. They were surprised at how pleasant the lounge and changing rooms were, with the wooden cladding that had been built by the tennis section's own members.

The efforts with pamphlets and coaching courses to attract new members stated that the courts were available for certain groups such as Barry Island School, who are making a regular appearance in Barry. The friendly tennis section are always looking for new members and a warm welcome is open to all.

Before retiring back to the bowls pavilion, club chairman, Dave Weston, was keen to emphasise to councillors the facilities that the Barry Athletic Club as a whole has to offer the people of Barry and the wider community.

The club is a major asset to the area and if anyone is interested in finding out more, Dave Weston can be contacted on 01446 413118 (answerphone available) or 07919 128509.

DAVE WESTON

Members of the Barry Athletic club and Couns Nick and Shirley Hodges.

BRYNHILL GOLF CLUB HOSTS SOCIETY'S CUP

Winner Jeff Price of Radyr Golf Club being presented his trophy by Mike Cook, captain of the society and vice-president of Brynhill Golf Club.

Runner-up Mike Underdown, captain at Brynhill Golf Club, being presented with his plate by Mike Cook, society member and vice-president of Brynhill Golf Club.

BRYNHILL Golf Club played host to the South Wales Coast Golf Captains Society's Stanley Harrison Cup earlier this month.

Since its formation in 1964 the South Wales Coast Golf Captains Society has brought together captains and past captains from the South Wales coastal golf clubs to foster friendships and enjoy golf.

Members from the constituent 17 clubs meet for a series of inter-county Society matches throughout the year are keenly competed.

Mike Underdown, captain at Brynhill, extended a warm welcome to all the present and past Captains of the 17 clubs that make up the society.

Tony Newton, secretary of the SWCGCS, commented that the course was in excellent condition and the scoring was high.

The winner was Jeff price from Radyr Golf Club with 41 points with Mike Underdown, the Brynhill captain, coming a close second with 39 points.

Tony Newton paid special tribute to the Brynhill past captains who are such strong supporters of the society.

An excellent dinner was enjoyed by all and fulsome praise was given to all associated with the organisation of the event from Brynhill.

Mr Newton added: "A great day for the society and Brynhill Golf Club."

Mike Underdown said "I cannot thank our staff enough from the superb presentation of our course to the fantastic meal put on by our caterer. I was very proud of Brynhill".

ND

Vale Bridge Club

THE results from the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club on July 24, are as follows:

First, Glenda Roberts and Liam Sheridan, 62.50 per cent; second, Glyn Williams and Vida Halford, 61.36 per cent; third, Irene Thomas and Graham Jones, 57.81 per cent.

Cowbridge 10K is bigger and better

LLANTWIT MAJOR 10K committee have joined with Cancer Research UK committee – to help them make the Cowbridge 10K the best yet!

The event takes place on Sunday, October 15. Anne Birt had asked the team to share their knowledge and experience with her working party and the Llantwit group were only too pleased to help.

Their own 10K takes place on Saturday, August 26. All are welcome.

Cowbridge 10K will also feature a 5K run, as usual but for the first time there will be a 1K race for small children.

The aim is to make the event, not only a regular feature in the Cowbridge calendar, but also a real family affair!

Town and Country Collective have offered to sponsor the event.

Summer camp to be held

THERE will be a one-week All Stars summer sports camp and confidence club held at Barry Athletic Cricket Club between August 14 and August 18.

The camp is open to 8-12-year-olds, and activities will include futsal, cricket, handball and ultimate frisbee.

There is a maximum of 20 particpants to book early!

Call Mark Ellis on 07826 020707.

Vale United's presentation evening a success

VALE UNITED enjoyed their annual presentation evening recently, with a well-attended event toasting the achievements of Lloyd Williams and his team.

Vale's coaching team for the upcoming season was announced, with ex-Bristol City and Team Bath playmaker, Mathew Hobbs, agreeing to stay on as head coach, with ex-Welsh League player James Lang finally hanging up his boots – enabling him to act as assistant coach.

A poignant moment of the evening came through club favourite Richard Evans, who announced his decision to step down as Vale United captain, following three very successful and trophy-laden seasons.

Ex-Celtic man Jay Tominey took home the golden boot, closely followed by Dan Hanson and Alex Gregory.

Ryan Jenkins was named clubman, due to his tireless efforts leading the ground renovations required to see Vale United move up the Welsh football ladder.

Player's player was given to Jay Tominey, a deserved accolade following his goal-scoring heroics of the past season.

All that remained was for the player of the year to be announced.

It was no surprise to see centre-half Joe Williams collect the spoils, following an impressive season and man-of-the match-performances in both of the Vale's victorious cup finals.

The club would also like to welcome ex-Penybont players Mark Williams and Steven Gauci, alongside Vale League favourite Anthony Randall and highly-rated centre half Jay Ellis.

With these encouraging signings, Vale will be hoping for their fourth promotion in four years since the club was established.

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Manager Lloyd Williams, with Ryan Jenkins clubman (top left), Joe Williams player of the year (top right), Jay Tominey players' player and top goalscorer (bottom left).

RACE FIASCO ELICITS AUTHORITY PROBE

THE British Horse Racing Authority have begun a probe, after a fiasco last Thursday, when a three-year-old won a race which was for two-year-olds at Yarmouth, *writes BRIAN LEE*.

The 1.40 opener was believed to have been won by the 50-1 outsider Mandarin Princess, but in fact was won by stable companion, Millie's Kiss, a three-year-old that was actually down to run in a later race that day.

The British Horse Racing Association said: "The stewards held an inquiry to consider the circumstances surrounding the identification of the 50-1 winner, Mandarin Princess, trained by Charlie McBride, which was presented at the sampling and routine testing. The scan identified the horse to be Millie's Kiss, the trainer's other runner in race four. They have interviewed the trainer, the stable groom, the vet and the equine welfare integrity officer responsible for sampling the unit.

"Having heard their evidence, they referred the matter to head office and ordered Millie's Kiss to be withdrawn from race four. Since we introduced the microchipping system, an incident such as this is, as far as we are aware, unprecendented."

Although no wrongdoing was intended, the trainer of the horses concerned, Charlie McBride, will probably be heavily fined.

In my book *Racing Rogues-The Scams,Scandals and Gambles of Horse Racing in Wales* (published by St David's Press at £14.99), I tell the story of how a horse belonging to someone in the Vale, and which had run and won at local point-to-points and flapping (unlicenced meetings), ran under a different name and was, in fact, a horse that had run under Jockey Club Rules.

I also tell the story of the ringer scandal that shocked the racing world in 1978 and other tales of switching horses and how Cardiff bookmaker Gomer Charles was jailed for two years for fraud after his syndicate placed £100k worth of bets on a ringer racehorse – that won at Bath races at odds of 20-1.

Charles was later shot dead outside his Park Place, Cardiff home in 1966.

** You can e-mail your racing stories or pictures to Brian Lee at brianle4@virginmedia.com or phone him on 02920736438*

EVAN'S UTTOXETER WINNER

Still Believing, trained by Llancarfan's Evan Williams, was a 11-1 winner of the Burton Albion Handicap Hurdle at Uttoxeter last Sunday.

Ridden by the in-form Mitchell Bastyan, nine-year-old Still Believing won by half-a-length from Braavos ridden by champion jockey Richard Johnson.

Pembrokeshire's Peter Bowen and his jockey son Sean also had plenty to smile about. They came away with a double thanks to Kinari, which won the handicap chase at odds of 7-1, and Wadswick Court who took the Fox Family Chase at odds of 3-1.

The former scored by half-a-length from the Jonjo O'Neill trained Lost Legend and the latter won by a head from Colin Tizzard's Gentleman John.

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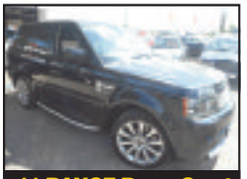

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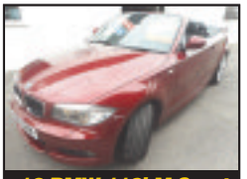

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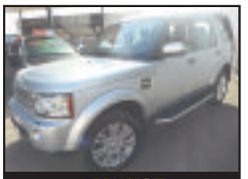

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Barry Athletic bowlers go from strength-to-strength!

BARRY ATHLETIC PG2 side built on their commanding lead at the top of the league with another resilient victory away at Rhiwbina BC.

With the side having to make a last-minute change, due to the absence of regular skip Dave Snelling, it was left to experienced skip Mike Vaughan and his rink to lay the foundation for the victory, supported by captain Paul Webley, who also skipped his rink to a fine away victory.

The narrow defeats suffered by Albert Mintern's rink and Gary Gane's rink were not enough for the Cardiff side and the Athletic romped home to yet another impressive victory by 10 shots; and taking 10 of the 14 points on offer, to consolidate their position at the top of the division, and increasing their chances of promotion back to the top division.

The Vale of Glamorgan County Finals were held on the 4Wood green at Barry and the club were delighted to witness Glyn Thomas and Martin Clarke claim the pairs title – the 84th county title won by the club over its 106-year history.

Up against international opposition in Chris Ashman and Phil Robbins, it was a tight match all the way, with no more than a couple of shots in the game at any stage.

However, with two ends to go, lead Martin Clarke laid a blistering sequence of bowls, to create the opportunity for skip Glyn Thomas to add shots and build a head which (eventually) scored five shots for the Barry duo.

This was enough to create a small advantage for the Barry pair over their Ely Valley pair, and left them with the enviable task of merely matching their opponents bowl for bowl on the final end, to lift the trophy.

Glyn and Martin will now progress to the National Finals at Llandrindod, where they will be looking to secure the club's 20th national title.

In the week, the club's development side slipped to a narrow defeat against Penarth claiming four points of the 14 available.

Rink wins went to Richard Bowen's rink who won by nine shots and Dave Wright's rink who sneaked past the post on the final end, but Peter Rogers and Dave Snelling found the going tough against the hosts and crashed to defeats, ending the winning run for the Barry club.

However, with a number of matches still to play and plenty of points on offer, the challenge for the title is still on.

Barry Athletic also won through to the final of the Alun Martin trophy in the week, sweeping aside the challenge of Sully BC on a heavy running Dinas Powys green.

The experience of Glyn Thomas, Richard Bowen, Chris Wright and Lol Paige proved too much for the Sully rink skipped by Brian Griffiths, and although Carl Best was able to carve out a narrow victory over David Wright, it was not enough to stop the title holders from progressing to the final – to face Penarth Windsor later in the month.

RB

Ladies open at Brynhill Golf Club

ON Friday, July 21, lots of ladies from many clubs decided to play in the rain to support the Brynhill Golf Club ladies open.

However, due to the unseasonable extreme weather conditions, it was decided to reduce the competition to nine holes.

There was a fabulous raffle with many winners.

A golf clothing sale and a jewellery stall for ladies to spend their money.

A representative from this year's captain Olwen Thomas' chosen charity,

The Alzheimer's Association was present to chat to ladies about the charity.

Winners of the day were Pat John, Dee Watkins and Karen Jones from the Vale Golf Club with 40 points.

Runners-up were Shirley Lewis, Helen Loo and Sally Bryant from Southerndown Golf Club with 38 points, and third place went to Gemma Evans, Shirley O'Donovan and Lisa Taylor from Brynhill Golf Club with 37 points.

All winners received gift vouchers.

Nearest the pin winner was Gemma Evans and longest drive winner was Shirley Lewis.

The ladies captain Olwen Thomas, thanked everyone for attending.

Thanked the bar and catering teams and the greens staff.

LT

Vale cricketers flatter to deceive

WEATHER intervened in what looked like turning into an exciting finish for Vale CC's first XI last Saturday, while the second XI lost badly – mainly due to a very poor batting performance.

Travelling to Sully to face the Centurions, the first team bowled first and, despite picking up a wicket from first ball of the day when last week's bowling hero Sean Rowland caught Singh off Darren Upham, were unable to cause the home team too many more problems.

Darren Goodway stood out for Sully, compiling 101 not out with notable support from Gethin Hicks (29) and Russell Thomas who finished on 32 not out.

James Snelson was Vale's stand-out bowler with 3 for 55 in the home team's total of 198 for 4.

Skipper JP Davies was concerned about the lack of penetration from the bowling unit, but also knew that the target was well within the team's compass on what is a very good wicket.

JP Davies (18) and Alex Davidson (31) started well for the visitors, and then Snelson got to work with a well-struck 33, including two sixes; he perished going for a third, caught at long-on having assembled an important partnership with Matthew Thomas.

When the rains came, Thomas was well set on 27 and with the score on 142 for 6 with 10 overs remaining.

Given the strength of Vale's lower-middle order, they will feel deprived of a potential win which would have returned them to third in the table.

Meanwhile at a damp Corntown, entertaining Sully's second XI, home skipper Carl Brooks lost the toss and his side were asked to bat on a wicket that initially lacked pace.

Good opening spells from Nick Jones (1-24) and Dinesh Vekariya (1-15) put Vale behind the clock, but as they had both 'bowled through' Brooks' side would have expected to make good progress against the change bowlers.

Initially, this was the case, with Gareth Kelland (45) and Gethin Merry (28) putting together a partnership of 89.

They both fell in the same over, and the remainder of the batting subsided meekly to be dismissed for 119.

Nobody else achieved double-figures and with two entirely preventable run-outs, this was a really poor performance.

Ewan Thomas (3-11) and Jason Hicks (3-30) will probably admit to being flattered by their figures.

Ironically, Vale proceeded after tea to put together one of the best bowling and ground fielding performances of the season.

Idris Merry (2-16), Greg Andrews, Tom Lazarus, Gareth Kelland and Gethin Merry, all bowled accurately and with the right balance between attack and defence called for by Brooks.

The difference was that Sully's batsmen batted properly and sold their wickets dearly.

Jason Hicks played patiently for 43 before being brilliantly stumped by Gareth Andrews off Idris Merry, and with support from Jones (14) and Oatridge (15) saw the visitors to 120-5 in relatively untroubled fashion.

The home side will rue a dropped catch and a couple that did not quite go to hand, but in reality this was a tame performance. Remarkably, Vale remains third in the table (though Sully have a match in hand which will almost certainly see them overtaken).

This week the seconds host Barry Wanderers and will need to show improvement to avoid a 'flattering to deceive' season.

Spectators are always welcome, and the excellent clubhouse bar will be open all day. The firsts travel to the Wanderers in the reverse fixture.

CB

BAD WEEKEND WITH THE BAT FOR ATHLETIC

ON Saturday, Barry Athletic Cricket Club's first XI travelled to Rogerstone and batted first.

They were bowled out for 112, with Pravin (21), Billy Usswald (18 no), Steve Provis (17) and M.Anwar 13 being the only ones to reache double figures, G.Berry (4-23) and Akbar (3-8) being the best bowlers.

In reply, Rogerstone reached their target with the loss of four wickets with Holaway (45 no), with M. Anwar 3 -33 and L.Bruce 1-17 the best bowlers.

Barry Athletic's second XI entertained Rogerstone second XI on The Island on Saturday and were asked to bat first on a humid and sticky afternoon.

They were bowled out for 73, with Steve Oram (33) and young Wesley Baker showing maturity and composure of someone many years older, scoring 10 not out.

In reply, Rogerstone reached their total off 12.4 overs with the loss of no wickets – Webb scoring 53 not out.

This weekend, Barry Athletic first XI travel to Cardiff Gymkhana, with the second XI entertaining the same opposition on the Island; both games have a 12.30pm start.

MR

Looking back – to 1973: *Oh, what fun we had!*

GEM columnist BRIAN LEE, who has been reporting on the Welsh hunt-racing scene for more than 50 years, takes another peep into one of his prolific press cuttings books.

UNDER the heading – 'Llewellyn triumphs' – one of my yellowing press cuttings reads as follows:

'Cowbridge's John Llewellyn and Bassaleg's Mike Williams, the two leading riders in Wales, fought out the finish to a high- class men's open race at the Curre Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases on Saturday.

'Victory went to Llewellyn, who was riding *Nearly There 11* for Mrs Catherine Hiorns.

Mike Williams, riding *Fitz* for Dinas Powys's Mrs Rose Harry, put in a strong challenge between the last two fences and after jumping the last fence just behind the winner was three lengths down at the winning post.

It was quick consolation for Llewellyn, who looked like trotting home on *North Gate* in the members' race, only to fall at the last fence when well clear.

Tim Rooney, a 16-year-old blacksmith from Marshfield, made every post a winning one when coming home eight lengths clear in the maiden race on *Roughan Again*.'

Sadly, Mrs Harry and Mike Williams are no longer with us and Rooney, who went on to much greater things including winning the Horse & Hound Cup at Stratford on 50-1 outsider *Devil's Walk* in 1977, was chalking-up his first winner.

For the record, the members' race that day went to a horse called *Tyro's Try* who was partnered by Castleton's Bill Jones who I believe was the first Welshman to ride 100 winners between-the-flags. Bill was sadly killed in a motoring accident in 1981; he had ridden his first winner in 1949 and his last in 1973.

He had a very good point-to-pointer called *Spurn Head* which, I am sure one of my regular readers, Mr Handel Jones, will remember.

The adjacent hunts' race was won by John Beavis on the favourite *April Delight* and the ladies' open that day was won by Wales' most famous and most prolific point-to-pointer *Mandryka,* owned by Rhondda's Tom Morgan and ridden by his daughter Shan Morgan who was to marry the Vale's Ross Farr.

That day, Mandryka beat *Sampson Brass*, ridden by Diana Bishop, with *Orange Pip* ridden by Cowbridge's Eirlys Thomas in third place. Eirlys a year or two later was to win the Welsh ladies' championship without riding a winner!

How come? Well, the championship is run on a points basis and she rode so many seconds and thirds that she accumulated more points than the other riders!

There were only five races a meeting back then but oh, what fun it was!

** You can e-mail your horse racing stories/photographs to brianlee4@virginmedia.com or phone 02920736438.*

Debra's Worcester winner

DEBRA HAMER, who hails from the Vale, won the two-and-a-half miles handicap hurdle (Division 1) at Worcester last week with her eight-year-old ShanksForAMillion only course and distance winner in the 11 runner field.

Partnered by the talented 7lb claimer Richard Patrick, ShanksAMillion, who was well backed at 11-4, won by five lengths from Rif Raftou.

Chepstow's Robert Stephens saddled the winner and the runner-up of the Amateurs ' Handicap Hurdle.

Craig Dowson, riding the seven-year-old Balkinstown came home one-and-a-half lengths ahead of stablemate hree Colours Red, a five-year-old and a course and distance winner, who was ridden by Morgan Winstone who also claims 7lb.

Both horses are owned by Newport-born Colleen Ford-Ellis who is well known in hunt-racing circles and who once worked as a secretary to National Hunt trainer J.A.C. Edwards.

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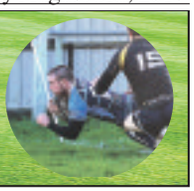

Lady golfers stun JPR with rugby know-how!

ON Saturday, July 22, it was ladies' captain's day at St Athan Golf Club.

The ladies' captain Maureen Anderson welcomed all the lady members with a lovely gift.

The ladies played an 18-hole Stapleford competition, with prizes for nearest the pin, nearest the line drive and chipping competition, with the chipping competition organised by Hywel Phillips-Morgan.

The day was a great success, with the weather kind to us after all the heavy rain (we had only one small shower!).

The course was in excellent condition, scores were high and close.

The overall winner of silver competition was Erin Anderson with Liz Thomas a close runner-up, bronze competition winner Rose Dawson and runner-up Carolyn McKenzie.

Winner of nearest pin was Mearl Owen, nearest the line drive was Lesley Hurry with the chipping competition shared between Janis Griffiths and Janet Davies.

The evening celebrations were on a French theme, with French cuisine buffet as usual excellently provided by Leanne.

We were also honoured with a special guest to present the prizes, legendary Wales and Lions' fullback JPR Williams.

Maureen thanked JPR for presenting the winners with their prizes and thanked all the ladies for their support.

JPR also made a speech and asked the ladies if they had any questions for him.

He was overwhelmed by the knowledge the ladies had about rugby, and our personal views and questions on the game, all answered with great humour.

The evening was enjoyed by all. A big thank you to JPR for making it an enjoyable evening.

St Athan Golf Club members welcome new players of all ages and abilities.

For further information contact the club manager on 01446 751043. **GJ**

Rugby players in sevens heaven!

WITH the start of the rugby season just a few weeks away, some of Llantwit Major RFC's players have been keeping themselves ticking over by playing in the iPro Sport Super Sevens Series.

This is some accomplishment, as they were invited to play for the Scimitar Exiles in the event which is regarded by many as one of the top events on the sevens circuit.

The professional competition sees 12 teams compete in four tournaments over the summer, held at Bury St Edmunds RUFC and Maidenhead RUFC, before moving to the more prestigious venues of the Sixways Stadium, home of Worcester RFC, and culminating last weekend at the Recreation Ground home of Bath RFC.

They must have felt at home in Bath as of course their own field carries the same name – Recreation Ground!

The Scimitar Exiles missed out on the top places, but were not outshone, and recorded the most tries scored in the Worcester leg of the tournament.

They were competing against such revered sevens teams as the Irish Wolfhounds, Samurai Barracudas, and The Army.

The players who represented Llantwit Major are pictured above, from left to right: Josh Austin, Rory Budina, Luke Dawes, Rhys Balmont and Jack Austin.

The boys will be nearer home this weekend – as Llantwit Major are entering the Tondu Evs7s on Saturday, August 5, one of the top sevens tournaments in Wales.

The event is hosted by Tondu RFC and is taking place at Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen, Heol Yr Ysgol, Tondu, CF32 9EL.

Let's hope, then, that some of their experiences rubs off on the rest of the Llantonians and they have an enjoyable tournament.

There is a bus going to the event, which will be leaving the clubhouse at 8.45am. If interested, please contact Hal on 07966 648905.

The first game kicks off at 10am. **AH**

Llantwit Major lady bowlers are in action

ON Tuesday, the Llantwit Major lady bowlers travelled to Prince of Wales Porthcawl, where an enjoyable game of bowling was enjoyed by all.

Kay, Margaret H, Marilyn and Margaret M were challenged from the beginning and although playing some good woods, lost 11-24.

Mo, Pat, Carol and Helen dropped a four on the second end and although they closed the gap twice, a last spurt from Porthcawl gave them a win 10-19.

Edna, Naomi, Julie and Dilys kept the pressure on throughout and had a comfortable win, 29-12.

On Thursday, it was a short trip to Cowbridge to meet old friends.

Kay, Pat, Eryl and Margaret M had a a close game, until the unlucky 13 when they dropped a seven and were unable to close the gap, losing 14-25.

Edna, Mo, Dilys and Julie went into the lead from the start and only allowed Cowbridge to score 12, winning 17-12.

Liz, Naomi, Helen and Carol dropped a four on the second end and a five on the 17th and although everyone played well, were unable to close the gap, losing 9-20.

Well done, ladies – we did very well on a green we always find challenging.

Thank you, Cowbridge, for an excellent afternoon! **CW**

Nail-biting end to Cup game for bowlers

LLANTWIT MAJOR men's bowlers visited local rivals, Cowbridge, for their Wednesday Munro Cup game and in a nail-biting finish, Llantwit won by one shot (62-61), collecting 12 points.

Steve Booker's rink took a few ends to get used to Cowbridge's artificial surface, but by the end of the seventh end, they had drawn level and after this, they only lost the lead once more on the 10th end. Llantwit then kept on top, to win by one shot.

Charles Hiscock's rink were behind until the seventh end – a good spell after this saw them take a seven-shot lead.

Cowbridge came back at them, drawing level on the 14th end, but Llantwit finished well, taking three of the last four ends to win by three shots.

Adrian Woods' rink trailed after the third end: Cowbridge stayed well ahead, with Llantwit closing the gap to only two shots on the 15th end, before Cowbridge went away again, to win by six shots.

Neville Young's rink started well, being eight shots up on the fourth end.

Llantwit maintained a good lead, holding a 10-shot lead on the 14th end.

Cowbridge fought back, winning the final four ends, to reduce Llantwit's win to three shots.

Rink scores: SB 13-12, CH 18-15, AW 13-19, NY 18-15.

LEAGUE MATCH

Llantwit travelled to Bargoed for their leaque match full of forboding, knowing they were playing a strong side who are difficult to beat on their own green.

Llantwit were also missing a number of their regular team.

Their fears were justified as Llantwit lost their unbeaten record, being outplayed in all facets of the game and losing on all rinks by a massive 128-45.

Charles Hiscock's rink had the best result: although they were 10 shots down on the fifth end, and 14 shots in arears by the ninth end, they then put up a good fight, winning eight of the final ends, to lose by just six shots.

Steve Booker's rink had a nightmare of a match, only able to score two shots by the 14th end, while Bargoed had over 30 shots.

Llantwit were unable to match the opposition, although they did reduce the deficit by winning the last two ends. Graham Jones' rink were in similar situations as the other rinks, having long spells without scoring.

The opposing skip and captain had a brilliant game, with numerous take out shots turning losses into gains.

Llantwit managed to accumulate nine shots over the whole game, while Bargoed's score was in the 30s.

Adrian Woods' rink won the first end then fell behind, picking up the odd shot; although a score of 5 by Llantwit on the penultimate end put them into double figures against Bargoed's score of over 30. **NY**

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